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The Berlin City team, a selection of the best soccer players in West Berlin, will visit Australia next January.

Seventeen players and about five officials of the Federation of Berlin Soccer Clubs will arrive in Melbourne on 14 January.

Berlin is expected to play at least three games here, against top-class opponents.

In a tournament held in West Berlin three months ago, the all-star selection recorded good results against Borussia Mönchengladbach, Dinamo Zagreb and Honved Budapest.

Its scores, with goalscorers, were:

Berlin 6 (Schlumberger 2, Vogt 2, Gaedke, Schulz) Mönchengladbach 1 (Veh).

Berlin 1 (Schlumberger) Dinamo Zagreb 0.

Berlin 1 (Schlumberger) Honved 1 (Bodonyi).

Berlin 2 (Schlumberger, Marczewski) Dinamo Zagreb 2 (Bogdan, Krajncar).

Torsten Schlumberger of the SCC club is, as is evident



Friedhelm Haebermann, then with Eintracht Braunschweig and now coach of West Berlin, shakes hands with opposing captain Franz Beckenbauer before a Bundesliga game.

from the above, one of the stars of the team. The touring squad is expected to include also: Gaedke (SCC), Vogt (Hertha BSC), Bieder (Tennis Borussia), Ecke (Hertha BSC), Schulz (SCC), Marczewski (LSU), and Kaepernick (Hertha 03) who scored 28 goals last season.

Coach of the Berlin all-stars is Friedhelm Haebermann who was captain of Bundesliga club Eintracht Braunschweig from 1977 to 1979 and who was in the West Germany squad for the 1972 Olympic Games in Munich.

About three weeks ago, the Berlin team played a 1-1 draw at home with China.



Newcastle star David Lowe goes towards the ball as Carl Hafford (left), goalkeeper Peter Laumets and Bobby Russell of Helias wait at the post. Newcastle won 5-2. Picture by LES SHORROCK.

Wolves may sell stars, cut wages

Wollongong City might be forced to sell some of its best players after Corrimal Leagues Club announced last week it was drastically cutting its \$35,000 sponsorship of the soccer club.

The Leagues Club is the Wolves' major sponsor and soccer club secretary John Vlietstra said the announcement had come as a major shock.

The Wolves realise finding a sponsor to offset the \$35,000 loss won't be an easy task.

"If worse comes to worst we'll have to sell some of our best players," Vlietstra said. "At this stage I cannot see any other solution than drastically cutting players' wages."

"Player expenses amount to almost half of our total expenditure and unless we find another \$35,000 has to give."

The Wolves, in their third season in top-class soccer, are largely dependent upon gate takings and heavy sponsorship for survival.

And this announcement by Corrimal Leagues Club has come as a savage blow to the Wolves Club, fighting desperately against great odds to maintain its link with the cream of Australian soccer.

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Regions get nod but problems loom

By LAURIE SCHWAB

The National Soccer League has taken the first major step towards splitting into two regional competitions next season.

Separate meetings of the Sydney-based and Melbourne-based NSL clubs agreed in principle that re-

gionalisation should go ahead.

They have called a meeting of the NSL's Council of Clubs to discuss the plan further. The meeting will be at the Hassell Club in Sydney at 10am on Saturday.

A firm proposal then will be put to the Australian Soccer Federation and to the State federations.

The plan being discussed involves a northern and a southern regional competition of 12 clubs each, with a play-off between the top four teams from each region at the end of the season.

The present NSL comprises 16 sides, so eight would have to be added to make up the total of 24.

However, NSW Federation president Karl Rodny has said his federation will oppose regionalisation because it would deprive the NSW State League

of its top clubs — presumably Croatia and Melita Eagles.

The Victorian federation has not stated its attitude. However, officials have said privately that if the NSL is regionalised, the regions should be under the direct control of the State federations rather than the NSL executive.

Another problem is that because of the present geographical structure of the NSL, it will be difficult to put together a southern region containing enough clubs of sufficient strength and crowd-drawing potential.

The problem is not as acute in the north which would include the five existing NSL clubs from Sydney — APIA, Marconi, St. George, Sydney City and Olympic — the two from Brisbane — Brisbane City and Brisbane Lions — plus the regional clubs Canberra, Newcastle and Wol-

longong, leaving only two to be added.

The south has only Heidelberg, Makedonia, Footscray JUST, South Melbourne Helias, Adelaide City and West Adelaide, leaving six to be added.

Victorian clubs Croatia, Juventus and Polonia have the crowd-drawing potential and perhaps Azzurri of Adelaide also could be included. Other candidates may have good teams but are not yet proven drawards.

The NSL was formed in 1977 by strong State League clubs throughout eastern Australia, with rich sponsorship by Philips Industries.

But the league no longer has such a level of sponsorship with the result that every club has to contribute \$20,000 a year towards air travel and administrative costs.

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Spotlight on our ills

Last of a four-part series

In this concluding article of the four-part series "Spotlight on our ills", we look at the few who affect and influence the many, leading off with the basic consideration that soccer in Australia has the federations it so richly deserves.

These bodies and individuals are, in fact, the products of the system, which they in turn influence and further shape into the colossal pantomime the game is in this country. It is the classic case of the vicious circle that all soccer lovers should attempt to break, so that the game gets a real chance in this vast continent to offer so much to achieve sporting excellence.

In soccer, as in national politics, there are eternal fights over State rights, federal centralism and a number of Franklin River Dams. Overlapping of authority is a way of life, conflict of interests is a reality of life, confrontation, the spice of life and revolutions are always a possibility.

But inevitably the State politicians of the round ball, after defiant and inflammatory speeches in their mini parliaments, make the political pilgrimages to Sydney and finish up toeing the line. After all, you see, the "old men" in Sydney hold the purse strings, or rather the local agency of FIFA (the world government that rules from Geneva).

All this politicking can get boring after a few years. It is not for the political small revolutionaries. The best one of them all, in 1977, produced a real political soccer ball: twelve local governments, the municipalities of Hellas, Alexander, Juventus, Adelaide, JUST, Marconi, and others including the shire of Mooroolbark, formed themselves into the N.S.L. (or National Soccer Liberation). Since then politics have been



By
ROCKY DI ZIO

so much more interesting and gratifying. The ASF first gave political asylum to the rebel municipalities of the N.S.L. and then practically annexed them. Since then it has been trying to maintain absolute control over this prized dominion, at times by imposing puppet rulers who tried to keep everybody amused and happy with Leopards, Rams, Eagles, and even Gladiators and Gunners; at other times they used the whip on the most unruly elements like Marconi and Hellas.

The N.S.L. has kept fighting for independence and self-determination since the revolution; the State federations have remained committed to the destruction of the defectors even if they had formed a conglomerate under the protektorate of big brother ASF and accordingly were entitled to respect.

Behind the scenes the States, their sovereignty threatened by the expansionism of what had in fact become an ASF satellite, have stepped up the guerrilla warfare.

Siege

So the N.S.L., under siege from all sides and with serious internal problems of rising inflation, skyrocketing costs of overheads (normally referred to as proplanes) and labor, and massive strikes by spectators, decided to smuggle out a roving ambassador to go overseas in an effort to attract sponsorship, to fight on. But the ASF, because of its Geneva connection, secured all the

money available and passed on to the N.S.L. only a little aid.

Rebuffed on the world political scene, the N.S.L. started to lure the "municipalities" of Juventus (Melp), Fawkner, Croatia, Ajax, Avala, Melita, Townsville, who were prone to rebellion because since the 1977 revolution they had been carrying most of the burden to keep the backward States going.

The latest barrage of war was fired recently by the President of N.S.W., Karl Rodny, who proclaimed there would be no reverting of existing N.S.W. responsibilities, of Victoria. No clubs would defect to the N.S.L. which would be starved into surrendering to the States. But the States would be magnanimous with the defeated and would grant each the status of State League club.

At this point somebody from the crowd dared to ask: "But what about soccer?" "Soccer? Who is he? How do you spell it? On whose side is he coming in?" asked an alarmed politician. And we must excuse him, because, you see, politicians tend to forget the importance of soccer.

Sounds fantastic? Not at all. Our soccer administrations have become politicians concerned mainly with power, with control, with who runs what, not so much how the game is run and progresses. For them it is better to control a mediocre competition than to see an excellent one controlling itself or being controlled by other groups. Better to be presidents of rules, than

spectators of a flourishing establishment. We have no policies, only politics of sectarian and personal inspiration.

Our ruling class has lost vision and direction. Many officials are past their prime (not only in age) and some others should never have reached the high places they are in. But what are we going to put in their place? The old class is self-preserving and self-perpetuating. It does not groom new talents, does not accept new blood, independent views, self criticism nor "rocking the boat". So there is nobody coming through the system and ready and capable to take over. The inevitable vacancies have usually been filled by "good boys", by non-descripts, by yes men, by rubber stamps, by meek who are happy to feed the crumbs spilled by the powerful. And this practice is likely to continue.

This is not necessarily meant as a personal criticism of long-serving forceful officials like ASF president Sir Arthur George or VSF chairman Michael Weinstein; their contribution to the game has been enormous and they have been able to serve for so long by largely self-financing their involvement and their many overseas trips.

But they often have been badly advised by the lackeys around them and they have been surrounded by such mediocrities as to make them look more like dictators. No doubt they must have made mistakes of their own, but who dares call them out?

Nor is this meant as a criticism of low-profile officials, like the chairman of the State League in Victoria, Vito Cilario, who has for years provided the much necessary conciliatory and stabilising force in one unruly and sectarian section of the game.

At times these "eternal officials" must have felt they had enough, or somebody felt they had to be replaced. But who was, or is there, to fill their shoes?

If Sir Arthur goes, and deep down I would hate to see that happen, Mike Weinstein would be the most likely one to step into his place, with Vito Cilario in turn the most likely one to step into Weinstein's shoes. What a changing of guard, what an innovative new administration that would be!

Solutions

There are two possible solutions to this problem at the top. Either, clubs realise that they have to send to the Federations the best men they have so they can come through the system, and not the last ones they can spare as is often the case; or members of the various boards must be found among experienced soccer people and administrators who are not directly connected with any lub so that they can look after the long-term interest of the game, rather than the short-term petty interests of factions and individual clubs.

Officials then should be forced to retire on a rotating basis and be then eligible after another term. This would require the entitlement to life membership of some federations to be changed from a certain number of years of "continued" service to one of "total years" of service.

With a different set of officials, and periodic rejuvenations of the boards, it could well be possible that one day we would have state federations capable to give leadership to the clubs, to give them administrative guidance and assistance, to offer negotiators and advise in dealings with civic authorities and businesses to make available financial and promotional expertise.

A club with problems should be able to go to the federation for help, rather than to be left to collapse. As they are now, State Federations are happy to control and rule over a panoply of amateur club administrations, of financial mismanagements, of poor public images.

The Victorian Soccer Federation, for instance, has a great reputation and keeps going rather well, or even appears to prosper. But as what? Not much more than a great efficient bureaucratic enterprise. And even this is mainly due to the incredible patience, ability

to walk a tight rope, excellent stamina, convincing powers and good administrative skills of the full-time secretary-manager George Wallace, well supported by a good staff.

In the meantime Frankston City goes bankrupt and most clubs are serious candidates for the same fate as soon as their creditors lose their patience. Many collectors around the country are making a fortune out of civil debt proceedings against soccer clubs, or even winding-up petitions against some of them, an extreme course that usually is avoided at the last minute. But for how long?

The proliferation of new clubs has been encouraged in the past as a source of affiliation fees and because "If we do not accept new clubs, they form independent associations and lose absolute centralised control of the game in the State." So the dead wood increases, the soccer dollars and spectators are spread much too thinly and the whole set-up is going towards a complete, but

The ethnic base had nothing to do with its failure. When it was relaunched it was not as "an American game", but as a great international sport w's the great international stars like Pele, Beckenbauer, Chinaglia; enough to mobilise all the soccer minded and to attract, by the sheer magic of those names and the incredible publicity they generated, even the rocks of the Great Caucasus. And guess what else? Apart from the couple of dozen clubs in the North American Soccer League, the population of nearly 300 million people only has junior soccer!

That's what our roving experts should have seen. And that is what we should do now. Forget the statistics, forget the millions of clubs (and as many pompous positions for vain men), and let's see what the market can take. The answer would be very obvious. Two regionalised groups of the National League, backed by a powerful publicity machine

them some feeling of security and stability to allow them to do their coaching jobs.

People like Basic, Collins, Arok, Thomson, McKendry, Margaritis, Scheinfeld, Cirkovic and many more would hold their own anywhere in the world under very different conditions. Naturally if we want to have 10,000 clubs we will have enough good coaches to go around.

Coaches in Australia seem to be there mainly as scapegoats for failures. Officials too often interfere or influence them; players do not have the discipline of overseas full-time professionals and often come from different soccer schools and are so set in their ways that no coach can change them to make them fit into the requirements of a particular team. To illustrate this, look at Scheinfeld's failure with the senior national team and his incredible success with the young Socceroos whom he had the chance of moulding into the players and the team he wanted.

Coaches though, should show a bit more professionalism by demanding complete independence from officials, should demand fairly long contracts to have time to produce results by grooming young talents. They should also understand the requirements and the resources of clubs, without making big, unjustified promises at the time of securing the position.

References

There is nothing worse than to spend so much time and so much money to build up a team and then lose crucial matches because of bad refereeing. Granted. But federations and clubs should do their utmost to improve the standard of referees without so much moaning about the present average lot. The reality of the matter is that the game is losing referees, instead of gaining them, and from such small numbers it is impossible to find high quality.

The answer is to attract bigger numbers to the profession to produce a better selection. But how? Everybody should strive to give the profession the prestige and money the rewards associated with it worthwhile. At present a State League referee has to train one or two nights a week, has to supply all his uniforms and equipment, has to travel to distant grounds, is exposed to certain insults, to probably splitting and to possible physical violence. For all this he gets the princely sum of \$40 and until last year it was \$25!

The media

The soccer media, like most sections of the game, suffers from a number of problems, including misrepresentation. And because most of the game is such an uneventful affair, newspapers cannot assign sufficient writers to cover the sport. Often you will find a single reporter in a newspaper having to cover hundreds of clubs and games, with so little to go on. There are not many stars to make good copy, not enough colorful personalities to "create" stories, not many capable public relations officers at federation and club level to assist, to inspire, to push the soccer journalists. The media is often accused by officials of not giving the game a fair go. Some officials even maintain that if they had the media on their side soccer would overtake Australian Rules football as the number one sport. Typically of wanting to put the cart before the horses. Newspapers have created gold rushes when gold had been found; have created scandals when some prominent people had been playing up or fiddling with somebody else's cash. Likewise they will build up the game of soccer when the game offers something real to build up. Newspapers are in the business of selling copy in their publications, and if there are stories that will do that, they will chase these stories and give them the space. Even ethnic television and radio, being non-commercial institutions, cannot put on any trash to please a few. They have an even bigger responsibility to provide quality of entertainment for their viewers and listeners.

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The documents are labelled "SOS" which has been decoded by Navy cryptographers and allegedly means "Save Our Soccer".

We are convinced the documents are genuine. A Bankstown ballboy, a city lifeguard and a Darlinghurst madame have verified its authenticity.

Thanks to this lucky turn of events we can now reveal the dramatic plans drawn up to jet-propel Australian soccer into the late 19th century.

Because of the worldwide interest in this major dis-

covery, the documents — in an abridged version — are simul-published by the Budgewoi Times, the Wangarau Mercury and the Tirana daily "Long Live Our Heroic Revolution But Bugger The Russians," a publication close to the ruling junta.

The papers show, for the first time, the brilliant concepts and original ideas which will transform the game this country.

Here are excerpts translated from a suburban Oz dialect:

ADMINISTRATION

It has been noted that only those support wholeheartedly the Administration who are part of it. Therefore we recommend that the Administration be slightly enlarged to also include all players and spectators, each with a vote until consensus is reached. The Executive has 5 million votes.

THE ANDREW DETTRE COLUMN



No top players, so former fans stay home

We talk about it as though it happened last century, possibly a week or two after the Second Ice Age. Yet it was in 1962-1963 — a mere 20 years ago.

Our soccer was alive and well, our crowds healthy. The 10,000 mark was bettered in 13 NSW matches while 27 others had audiences of 5,000 and 10,000. In one season.

A crowd of 23,000 saw Heilas and George Cross draw 1-1 at Olympic Park.

APIA's average was over 7,400 a match, Pan Hellenic's 7,300.

An incredible 19,676 at the Sydney Sportsground saw these two teams meet while two double-headers at Wentworth Park produced crowds of 18,200 and 17,000 respectively.

Today no NSL match in Sydney could get anywhere near these figures, not with promotion, not with gimmicks, not by force.

Of course, the world around us has also changed dramatically since 1963; the entertainment possibilities have mushroomed, tastes have been modified.

Almost all spectator sports are experiencing lean years — at a certain level. A low level, that is.

Grade cricket matches are totally unattended but the one-day series last summer got crowds of 50,000 and more.

A few years ago Cosmos packed the Showground to overflowing. Bring out Bristol or Italy tomorrow and, even at \$20 a ticket, you will fill any Australian stadium.

Then pit two dual local State League sides against one another, charge \$2, offer incentives and anything else you like — and maybe a 100 or so will turn up.

People are sick of the mediocre; you can't even give away junk.

And — cross your heart — a lot of our soccer nowadays is pure junk.

Only two things can drag people from the comfort of their home to soccer



Herbert Ninaus

matches: mad, uncontrolled club fanaticism or the prospect of artistic delight.

Club fanaticism, on the European scale, doesn't exist in Australia; not even city fanaticism. I doubt if the good citizens of Newcastle or Canberra care much whether their team is 5th or 15th.

That leaves sheer artistry, a display of skill, a war of wits — ball wizardry, if you like. And that's what is missing from our game.

Ah, yes, we did have it once. Take again 1963, a boom year when Europeans were still delighted to migrate to Australia to play soccer.

In 1963, the 12 first division clubs in NSW had about 90 Continental players in their ranks: Yugal had 18, Pan Hellenic 16, Croatia 13, APIA 12, St George 8... and even Canterbury and Auburn managed a total of 10 between them. (Here, under "Continental," I included the South Americans, then exclusively from Argentina.)

Names? Let me tickle your palate with just a few Baumgartner, Balazs, Giacometti, Jares, Iglesias, Van Gaalen, Fernandez, Krzin, Cubero, Janczyk, Banicevic, Rodriguez, Maskey, Schauman, Levi, Mach, Ninas, Jankowsky, Sagi, Boskloper, Gauto, Dunaj, Jelisavcic, Lazarevic, Stojanovic...

★★★

Those who are deeply concerned with the fate of the NSL should give this some thought. And that includes the clubs.

I know that it's difficult to import quality players from Europe on shoestring budgets and I also know that without them, even those shoestrings will snap.

I know that we must do everything possible to encourage the development of local talent — but should that be done at the exclusion of superior soccer skill which is not (or not yet) inherent in our young stars?

I realise that Robbie Slater, David Lowe, Rod Brown or Dave Mitchell are very promising young players — but can you honestly compare them with the Ninauses, Giacometti, Schauman or Gauto bygone years for entertainment value?

Unless we solve this problem, most of our soccer will remain even duller than an old Doris Day movie.

As our crowd figures conclusively prove, this is not the product that can be sold to a basically ethnic market.

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TRAVEL COSTS

We have evidence to prove that part of the NSL's problem is the high travel cost. According to a daring theory, these expenses could be halved if the 16 teams were divided into two zones. That being the case we suggest that the 16 teams be divided into 16 zones thus reducing travel costs even further.

MIGRANT QUOTA

It is every country's duty to protect its home industries and soccer is no exception. In order to encourage Australian talent, all foreign imports should be banned forthwith unless they come from overseas.

MEDIA LIAISON

We recognise the vital part the various Media outlets can play in the game and recommend that the present policy of secrecy be terminated. The Media

should be allowed to find out when and where matches are to be played and what the results were. All other essential information will be passed on to them at the regular five-yearly press briefings.

GATE REVENUES

As the majority of clubs live or die by the income they generate at their matches, it is of the utmost importance that this source of livelihood be ensured, say, increased. We thus suggest the following price structure: \$4 to get in, \$10 to get out at halftime and \$20 for kids who listen to rugby league or VFL matches on portable radio during soccer games.

RELOCATION

A thorough survey undertaken last Tuesday morning shows that several clubs lack popular (or even unpopular) support. Therefore it is recommended that these clubs be relocated to cities where they can reasonably expect a larger ethnic base. Thus APIA will play its home matches at Messina, Heidelberg at Piers, Sydney City at Haifa; all games to be played by correspondence, as in chess. Clubs with minority support — Eskimos, Upper Volts, Outer Mongolians, Longobards and Australians — will be abolished.

— Discoverer of the SOS documents,

Andrew Dettre

Chance for Crino, Yankos, Dunn, Banfield?

Arok snub to Queensland!

By RICKY ROSSO

Socceroo coach Frank Arok has snubbed this weekend's Queensland v NSW clash in order to watch national team hopefuls taking part in a four team tournament in Newcastle and Gosford.

The tournament involves St George, Budapest, Marconi, Newcastle and an Interstate Select comprising players Arok considers to be on the fringe of national team selection. They may include: Peter Laumets, Oscar Crino (South Melbourne Hellas), Charlie Yankos, Jim Dunn (Wentworthville), Gerardo Gammie (Heidelberg), Gerardo Dunn (West Adelaide) and Neil Banfield (Adelaide City).

Arok considers it would be much more beneficial for him to watch these players in action rather than seeing the NSW team, which he knows well, and the Queensland side which comprises only Brisbane City and Brisbane Lions players.

His decision not to come to Queensland came as a major blow to QSF officials as they were hoping the match might prompt Arok to include a Queenslander in his squad for the three match series against France in June.

Arok says he will have four colleagues at the match who he will talk to in depth after the game to gauge the performances of players in both teams. But QSF officials were stunned to learn two of these people are understood to be NSW coach John Watkiss and captain John Kosmina.

While Queensland's insistence on both teams field full strength teams had paid off thanks to the cancellation of this weekend's NSW fixtures, Arok's attitude seems to reflect the lack of interest in the match outside Queensland.

It is the second rebuff the QSF has had in its 100th year.

The 100th interstate match against Victoria in February lost much of its prestige when the national players from two states were called up for friendly internationals against New Zealand.

Queensland lost that game 0-2 thanks to goals from Ken Murphy and Doug Brown and will be facing an uphill battle to hold the strong NSW side.

NSW coach Watkiss has named a squad which includes Australian squad members Kosmina, Peter Katholos,

Dave Ratcliffe and Marshall Super. His squad is: Greg Woodhouse, Steve Watson, Ron Wheatley, Graham Jennings, Ratcliffe, Arno Berntonga, Mike O'Shea, Peter Stone, Katholos, Peter Raspopoulos, (or Paul Kay), Kosmina, Super, Mark Jankovics, Phil O'Connor.

By comparison, Queensland coach Bruce Stowell was forced by a lack of depth to rest totally his QSF's two NSW clubs. His original 18-man squad contained 12 Brisbane City players and six from Lions. Stowell was expected to

name his final 14 late this week but there could be as many as four changes from the team which lost to Victoria with city's Kim Wishart, Bobby Hamilton, Joe Cairney and Allan Hughes coming into the squad along with youngsters Allan Hunter (Lions), John Kowtan (City) and Robbie Farrow (Acacia Ridge).

It has been four years since Queensland last played NSW and on that occasion the Blues came from two goals behind to snatch a draw in the match which also was played at Perry Park.



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CROATIA FLYING HIGH

Croatia is flying high with nine points from five games and still the only undefeated side in the competition. Croatia beat Blacktown last Monday week and last Sunday came away with two more points at the expense of Melita.

Sutherland bounced back to the winning circle with a resounding 3-1 victory over hapless Auburn and is level pegging with Croatia on nine points but has played two more games than its arch rival from Fairfield. Blacktown Demons had their game against Polonia cancelled on Saturday and remain in second place only a point behind Melita who also didn't play this weekend due to a bye.

Manly Warringah played well against Yugal during the first 45 minutes, as if carried by the strong sea breeze to go three up, then fell away during the second period, but still collected two points.

At Kuringal, it was Clive Eaton who shone with two goals, to bring his tally to seven for the season. Steve Griffin, the nineteen year old keeper of Bankstown, was the

SATURDAY
STATE LEAGUE 1ST DIVISION: Melita Eagles vs Sutherland Shire at MELITA STADIUM.
STATE LEAGUE 2ND DIVISION: Rosedale Hawks vs West Ryde United; Canterbury vs Auburn United; Penrith United vs Georges River COOKS PARK.
STATE LEAGUE 3RD DIVISION: Lane Cove United vs North Ryde of POTTERY GROVE; Bedervale '76 vs Bondi United at MITCHELL'S COLLEGE.
INTER URBAN 1ST DIVISION: Concord vs Hurstville-Jagara at MARRICKVILLE OVAL; King Tumult Park vs Sydney Uni at KING TOMISLAV PARK.

INTER URBAN 2ND DIVISION: West St George vs Chatswood United at CHATSWOOD PARK.
INTER URBAN 3RD DIVISION: Ryde District vs Macquarie Uni; West L.I. Park, Rhodes vs Blacktown Woods; and PACIFIC OVAL.

INTER URBAN 4TH DIVISION: Henson Rivers vs Chatsworth United; Sports Grounds vs Dulwich Hill; St. John's vs Apparatus L.A. vs Castle Hill at NEW WILSON PARK; Concord Juniors vs Welcome Sports at EDWARDS PARK.

FRIDAY
STATE LEAGUE 1ST DIVISION: Bankstown vs Cronulla at MELITA STADIUM. 8 pm.
SUNDAY

STATE LEAGUE 1ST DIVISION: Pelecanis vs Aerials at CHOPIN PARK, S.S.C. Yugal vs Blacktown City at FAIRFIELD PARK; Canterbury vs Henson Rivers at ANGLINTON OVAL; Bankstown vs Inter Marriers at SOCCER CENTRE, Cronulla Sydney vs Auburn at KING TOMISLAV PARK.

STATE LEAGUE 2ND DIVISION: Dee Why vs Wollongong United at GRAHAM RESERVE; Blacktown United vs Rockdale United at FRANCIS PARK.

STATE LEAGUE 3RD DIVISION: West Ryde United vs Warringah United at HARRISON RESERVE; Auburn United vs Georges River COOKS PARK.

STATE LEAGUE 4TH DIVISION: Pelecanis vs Liverpool Reserve at HAJDUK STADIUM.

STATE LEAGUE 5TH DIVISION: St. John's vs Dulwich Hill at BEAMAN PARK.

INTER URBAN 1ST DIVISION: Auburn United vs Concord Juniors at WELLSWOOD PARK.

INTER URBAN 2ND DIVISION: Pelecanis vs Chatswood United at STUART STREET RESERVE; Eastwood vs Dulwich Hill at MOUNTAIN VIEW RESERVE.

VE. South Sydney vs Unley at WILBERFORD OVAL; Parkside Calcio vs Dulwich Hill at BELMONT BRIDGE RES. Blacktown Workers vs Murray Farm at LAYBUTT RESERVE.

INTER URBAN 3RD DIVISION: Unley vs St. Mary's A.L.; JARDINE PARK.

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NSW State League
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waters, will hope for a great performance from goalkeeper Kiffen to keep Croatia at bay.

Croatia will back up a little more than 36 hours later against Auburn. Despite site slight losses, Auburn has been the side which always gives Croatia a run for its money and I am sure it will do the same again with Croatia having to work hard for the points.

Bankstown on the other hand will also play its second match on Sunday, against the much improved Inter Monaro at Soccer Centre.

At Chopin Park, Avala should add to Polonia's problems, while Yugal will have to battle hard to make a game of it against the in-form Demons at Fraser Park.

At Arlington Oval, Canterbury will have to stop Terry Smith if it hopes to achieve a good result. Smith has been particularly sharp this year, scoring goals almost at will.

Manly 3 Yugal 1

Scorers: Smith, Falconer, Stuart (M), Baumgartner (V).

MANLY: Cassettari, Geoghegan, Doyle, K. Falconer, S. Niall, P. van Hasselt (McGroarty 82'), Smith, P. Falconer, Stuart (Vale 77').

YUGAL: Wotton, McNamee, Forest, McNamee, McNamee, Turpin, Baumgartner, Rokodera, Pahor (Golic 46'), Tanovski.

Manly subdued its visitor during the first spell of 45 minutes, scored three goals in the process, then fell away during the second period allowing Yugal to take command, score a goal and come close to scoring one or two more.

Yugal fell behind to a goal by Terry Smith after 14 minutes following a set piece play. Yugal was on hand some eight metres away to swivel and hit the ball on the turn past bewildered Wotton.

From that point on it was all Manly and it was no surprise when Peter Falconer made it 2-0 from a free kick after 20 minutes. A desperate tackle by

Clarke just outside the area gave a free kick to Manly and Falconer bent his shot around the wall to beat the keeper.

Yugal's attempt to break the offside trap failed twice during the half and almost paid dearly for it on both occasions. Bruce Doyle made the initial break but was foiled close to the line by Wotton, then with five minutes remaining in this half it was Peter Falconer who raced through and slipped his pass to Stuart who in turn managed to squeeze his shot past Wotton and the goal post to make it 3-0.

After 56 minutes Amanyi Rokodera shot on Manly's doormat to cut through before slicing his cross to Ricky Baumgartner and the youngster made no mistake much to the delight of one spectator at the ground — none other than Leo Baumgartner, the father of the ex-ST George junior and newly installed Yugal striker.

Stanko Tanovski hit the post soon after and one couldn't help feeling that had that one gone in Manly would have had problems keeping its winning margin intact.

Auburn 1 Bankstown 1

Scorers: Eaton 2 (K. Hatton (B), K. Williams (C), C. Kennedy (C), Commando, Burton, Robertson, Berry, Knight, Brockbank, Hunter (Gavin 80'), Eaton, Reagan).

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Following this goal Bankstown brought on Wayne Parker for Kerr Yell and suddenly things started to look rosy for Bankstown, but then came the magic of Eaton with seven minutes to go and that was the ball game. Brockbank steered the ball into the goal mouth and Eaton made no mistake latching onto it to beat Griffin.

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Croatia 1 Avila 0

Scorers: Wally Savor 83'.

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Blacktown, the side which spent two years in the national league, is no newcomer to top competition. At the meeting held at Blacktown soccer club last week, Blacktown elected a five-man committee for a three year term to guide the club's fortunes.

Blacktown City has set up a three year plan to ensure that it becomes a leading force in Australian soccer.

The following are the names of the new executive: President Brian Adair; Vice-president Cole Scott Kemmis; Secretary Peter Thorne; Treasurer Paul Morrison; Soccer co-ordinator Alan Irving.

Four more vacancies are to be filled soon.

Blacktown City already has signed John Davies, an experienced midfielder, on a two-year contract plus Barry Hoare.

Demons lose Anzac clash

CROATIA 2 (Wheatley o.g. 15th, Arnold 49th) BLACKTOWN DEMONS 0

that it was the Demons' day win.

However, Croatia went ahead after 15 minutes after an enormous mess-up amongst the Demons' defenders and from that moment on it was all Croatia. Wally Savor accepted a gift pass to slam his shot towards the net. Peter Freeman made the save but the ball fell out of his hands, then hit Wheatley to bounce back into the net.

Earlier on Freeman was involved in a collision with Peter Hensman and Croatia's winger was taken to hospital suffering from severe back pains. Later on it was established that Hensman would not be playing for several weeks.

Croatia went further ahead soon after the interval with the simplest of goals. Mark Holloway made the break before crossing for Graham Arnold to head home and that was the ball game.

It was all Croatia during the second period with Watson, in goal for Croatia, hardly tested.

meja cut Sutherland's lead to a single goal. He headed past Haynes from a Kilikelly free kick and had the chance by Kilikelly been taken it would have been 2-2.

After strong opening by both sides and some good saves by Bowman and Haynes, Sutherland scored two quick goals, with the first coming close to the half. Jimmy Webber was the provider and Shane Clinch made no mistake to give the Sharks the lead.

Almost from the kick off in the second half Sutherland scored again with Nigel Groome grabbing the chance to score from close range.

Then with the score at 2-1 and Auburb looking for an equaliser, in came Shane Clinch with a runaway effort to score the game for the Sharks and make it 3-1.

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**BORAL
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Brisbane City's big, blond defender Peter Tokesi has moved to within five votes of Heidelberg's Charlie Yankos, who still leads in the voting for the Boral Bricks \$1500 national best player award.

Yankos did not get any votes this week, while Tokesi picked up four with a strong display in Brisbane City's 2-2 draw with Sydney City in Lismore.

Wollongong's brilliant forward Phil O'Connor jumped from equal ninth to third place, now only two points behind Yankos.

John Kosmina leads in the Boral Bricks \$1000 top scorer's award, bringing his tally to six.

with a goal against Brisbane City.

Charlie Egan of South Melbourne Hellas and Phil O'Connor joined Marshall Soper of Olympic in equal fourth position. All have five goals.

And David Lowe of Newcastle ended up ground by scoring twice against Hellas to bring his total to four.

NEwCASTLE KB UNITED
5. (L) Lowe (Cowburn, Lee, Jones), SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 2 (Egan, Woodfin) at Middle Park. Crowd about 2000. Votes by Laurie Schwab: 6. Jones (N), 5. Mason (N), 4. Lowe (N), 3. Lee (N), 2. Holford (SM). 1. Cowburn (N), CANBERRA ARROWS 3

(Bryant, G. Byrne, Gibson) WOLLONGONG 1 (O'Connor) at Bruce Stadium. Crowd 1,315. Votes by Peter Windsor: 6. Farina (C), 5. O'Connor (W), 4. Preston (W), 3. Hoszowski (C), 2. D. Gibson (C), 1. Cole (C).

SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH 2



We can help you build it.

**BORAL
BRICKS**

Tony Kovac

Kovac hits at louts

Footscray J.U.S.T.'s life president, Tony Kovac, has hit out strongly over a demonstration by spectators after the club's 0-4 loss to Marconi two weeks ago.

"I.U.S.T. has about 2000 loyal supporters who come along to our games and back the club 100 per cent but we are deeply concerned by a few dozen who are creating problems and upsetting the players, coach and committee."

Zika Karic and his committee are doing everything they can for the sake of the club and all the fans must realise that when you appoint a new coach, you have to give him time to settle down.

"We will not tolerate wild groups of troublemakers. If they can't control themselves for the good of the game and the club, they shouldn't come to our games. They cause a problem that the club does not deserve."

"I have full trust in Zika Karic and the committee, who are working very hard to establish a strong foundation for I.U.S.T. If we all get behind them, we will achieve firm stability for the future."

pass after 32 minutes and the game was poised to swing either way.

The turning point came in the 63rd minute when White Eagles was awarded a free kick on the edge of the Calles' penalty area. Rybak hit a superb shot around the wall and into the roof of the net. In the next two minutes, Eagles scored two more goals through Mark Leszczynski and Steve Witke to make certain of victory.

White Eagles scored a consolation goal for Calles with two minutes remaining.

— WALTER PLESS

No NSL this week

There are no NSL games this weekend.

The entire round has been called off because players are required for the Queensland v NSW match in Sydney on Sunday.

The round has been shifted to the end of the season.

The next round of NSL games is: Heidelberg v Sydney Olympic, St George v Marconi, Wollongong v Brisbane Lions, Brisbane City v Canberra, Newcastle v Sydney City, APIA v SM-Hellas, Makedonia v West Adelaide, Adelaide City v JUST.

Goalkeeper Michniewski put Eagles in front with a dubious penalty after 20 minutes. Parker clipped home the equalizer from Maccalini's

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(Kosmina, de Marginey) BRISBANE CITY 2 (Bromfield, Wilkinson) at Lake Oval, Lismore. Crowd 2300. Votes by the Bystander: 6. O'Connor (SC), 5. Wilkinson (BC), 4. Tokesi (BC), 3. Kay (SC), 2. Pezzano (SC), 1. Watson (SC).

PRESTON MAKEDONIA 2
IIloski, Odzakov) ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS 1 (Carter) at Connor Reserve. Crowd 2000. Votes by Peter Scott:

6. Campbell (Mak), 5. Lucchesi (Mak), 4. Blair (AC), 3. Flavell (Mak), 2. B. Nyskohus (AC), 1. Benfield (AC).

WEST ADELAIDE E

HELLAS 3 (Dunn, Manou, Amey) APIA-LEICHARDT 2 (Morsello, Marlan) at Hindmarsh Stadium. Crowd 3100. Votes by Frank Pangallo:

6. Mariani (APIA), 5. Butler (APIA), 4. Tredinack (APIA), 3. Bertoglio (APIA), 2. Bradby (APIA), 1. Morsello (APIA).

Sydney Olympic 2
Footscray J.U.S.T. 1 (Lucchesi) at Pratten Park. Crowd 5832. Votes by Peter Scott:

6. Boland (JUST), 5. Kyriakouleas (JUST), 4. Tuttill (JUST), 3. Simic (JUST), 2. Jennings (SO), 1. Lujic (JUST).

MARCONI-FAIRFIELD 2

Bozancic pen., Licata) HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER at Marcon Stadium. Votes by Alex Vesle:

6. McCulloch (M), 5. Sermanni (M), 4. Henderson (M), 3. Bozancic (M), 2. Spanos (H), 1. Rizzoli (M), 1. Leader (M), 35. Yanikos (H), 30. Tokesi (BC), 22. P. O'Connor (W), 21. Greedy (St.G), Bryant (C), Vlietstra (W), Odzakov (Mak).

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Tokesi, O'Connor closer to Yankos

with a goal against Brisbane City.

Charlie Egan of South Melbourne Hellas and Phil O'Connor joined Marshall Soper of Olympic in equal fourth position. All have five goals.

And David Lowe of Newcastle ended up ground by scoring twice against Hellas to bring his total to four.

NEwCASTLE KB UNITED
5. (L) Lowe (Cowburn, Lee, Jones), SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 2 (Egan, Woodfin) at Middle Park. Crowd about 2000. Votes by Laurie Schwab: 6. Jones (N), 5. Mason (N), 4. Lowe (N), 3. Lee (N), 2. Holford (SM). 1. Cowburn (N), CANBERRA ARROWS 3

(Bryant, G. Byrne, Gibson) WOLLONGONG 1 (O'Connor) at Bruce Stadium. Crowd 1,315. Votes by Peter Windsor: 6. Farina (C), 5. O'Connor (W), 4. Preston (W), 3. Hoszowski (C), 2. D. Gibson (C), 1. Cole (C).

SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH 2

BORAL BRICKS

We can help you build it.

Harvard's offer to a young 'Roo

Harvard University of Boston has offered a scholarship to a young Australian soccer player.

"We assume this is a direct result of the success of our national youth team," ASF secretary Brian Emery said this week.

"It's welcome recognition for our soccer. It puts our sport in the same category as swimming and athletics, for top Australian exponents in both those fields have taken up scholarships overseas."

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Mr. Emery said the ASF probably would advise the States to accept applications from young players of a suitable academic standard. Obviously, the successful candidate will have to be a matriculant.

"A committee then will be set up to look at the candidates' academic levels and their soccer ability," Mr. Emery said.

"We will not tolerate wild groups of troublemakers. If they can't control themselves for the good of the game and the club, they shouldn't come to our games. They cause a problem that the club does not deserve."

"I have full trust in Zika Karic and the committee, who are working very hard to establish a strong foundation for I.U.S.T. If we all get behind them, we will achieve firm stability for the future."

Cameroon, Uruguay and who?

The Australian Soccer Federation is considering four national teams for inclusion in an international tournament to be played here in November.

Cameroon, Uruguay and Australia are the other three contestants.

China was to have competed, but withdrew.

The tournament will be played in Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane and perhaps Adelaide as double-headers on Wednesday, Sunday, Wednesday and Sunday.

After the tournament, the Socceroos go to Singapore to defend the Merlion Trophy it won last year.

The Merlion Trophy competition will run from December 4 to 18.

But New Zealand won't be there.

The NZFA Secretary accepted an invitation to compete providing that the squad's assembly costs were subsidised by the Singapore federation.

Having guaranteed travelling and accommodation expenses, the Singaporeans decided against contributing towards the \$30,000 required to assemble and prepare New Zealand's contingent.

NZFA chairman Charlie Dally Myer recently announced that his team would not be competing, although national coach Alan Jones is believed to favor the Merlion as a valuable build-up towards the New Year's Olympic qualifiers.

But it will still be a busy year for the Kiwis, for apart from the Olympics, they are scheduled to play in June's South Korean President's Cup.

IN FOCUS

by PETER SCOTT

NSL after the Anzac Day weekend.

Clever play

St George Budapest is using a clever and unusual ploy in its attempt to climb out of a difficult hole.

What can be done to retain and further develop the more promising referees on the scene now?

The warning signs are present in abundance, the coaches are starting to speak out bitterly and observers such as I am dismayed when they see the kind of refereeing which was evident in matches on the Anzac Day weekend.

Simple advice

If the Sydney City Hakoah boys looked extremely motivated in their match against St George Budapest on Anzac Day, much of the "credit" for their spirited display was awarded to rival coach Frank Arok by Eddie Thomson.

The Hakoah supreme gleefully recalled his pre-match instructions to his men. "Remember what you read in the papers this week!"

He was referring to Arok's reported comment about how his

situation in detail and as a matter of utmost urgency.

No sport can develop to its fullest potential in the absence of efficient and skilful officiating.

We must find out the answer as to why we have failed to unearth only one Boskovic.

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There are some people down Bondi way who are not exactly appreciative of the compartmentalisation point?

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been any help in the situation.

Lambert Park is vandalised and burnt out, Leichhardt ratepayers — including soccer fans in general and the huge Italian community — have contributed \$700,000 to Leichhardt Oval's upgrading and outside events such as the KB Cup still have preference over local soccer.

How about the ASF and the NSL doing their weight publicly to APIA's struggle?

Up in smoke

The ASF and its president are very active in another area, that of defending the tobacco lobby and its advertising and sponsorship involvement with sport.

Firstly, money is involved; there's no doubt about that. Just two words of warning:

Firstly, be careful not to allow soccer to be blamed by some of the less than proper tactics of the tobacco giants in the current campaign.

And secondly, be realistic and accept the simple fact that sooner or later — but in the foreseeable future — tobacco advertising and sponsorship through sports will be banned.

Let's not put too many of

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Odzakov strikes, then Ollerton puts boot in

Makedonia 2
Adel City 1

Score: 0-1 Carter 2 min, 1-1
Iloski 52m, 2-1 Odzakov 92m

Ground: Connor Reserve

Attendance: 4,000

Referee: Mellings 9

Cautions: nil

MAKEDONIA: Wilson 7; Ospasis 7, Todorovski (Lilivingtons) 10m, 6l; Jones 6, McMillan 7; Iloski 6, Flavel 8, Odzakov 6; Lucchesi 8, Ward 7, Campbell 9. Coach Peter Ollerton.

ADELAIDE CITY: McNally 7, Cole 7 (Shillabeer 63m), Banfield 8, Nyakohar 8, B. Dods 6; Metta 6, Blair 8, Mullen 6; Villani 7, Maxwell 7, Carter 6. Coach Bobby Ferguson.

For some reason, Peter Ollerton likes to draw comparisons between his side and South Melbourne Hellas.

He has done it a few times over the past weeks and he was at it again on Sunday after Makedonia had come from behind to grab this important victory with an injury time goal by Zarko Odzakov.

"People keep saying we're not a classy side and that we don't deserve to be up there (at the top of the table)."

"But you look at South Melbourne. Their defence is probably worth \$100,000 yet they still concede five goals and don't know where they're going," said Ollerton, grinning slyly.

"There's no point saying we're going to win the League at this stage."

"We'll just keep on taking each week as it comes. One thing's definite and that is the team spirit here is different from past seasons and it's showing in the results."



Peter Desira

George Todorovski, who started the match with a heavily strapped thigh and was badly beaten for pace in the early exchanges, signalled to the bench and was substituted after only 10 minutes to add to the confusion.

Adeelaide City then took complete control and looked dangerous every time they moved forward.

Charlie Villani created havoc with his runs down the right, Stewart Blair completely dictated things in midfield and Neil Banfield came forward with gay abandon, going past players like they weren't there.

The Preston revival started at half time.

Gary Ward was carried off just before the break but came back on with five stitches inserted in a deep gash in his calf to revitalise the team.

Ollerton moved McMillan from fullback to partner Ward in attack and from then on Makedonia

looked a completely different team.

Claude Lucchesi, who had moved back to grab some control of midfield, made the equaliser in the 52nd minute with a cross from the right which was met with a powerful header by Zoran Iloski making a run from deep.

Adeelaide City defended well for the rest of the match and it looked like they had done enough to get a point, but then came the injury time winner which put their hopes on the skids.

NATIONAL LEAGUE STANDINGS

Last week's standings in brackets:

	HOME	AWAY
	W D L F A	W D L F A
1. (2) Preston-Makedonia	3 1 0 8 3	1 2 1 0 5
2. (4) Newcastle KB United	2 2 0 5 2	2 2 0 10 6
*3. (1) Brisbane City	3 0 1 10 6	1 2 0 4 3
4. (6) West Adelaide Hellas	3 1 1 5 3	1 2 1 3 4
5. (7) Sydney City Hakoah	1 3 0 5 3	2 0 2 0 8
6. (3) Heidelberg-Alexander	3 1 0 8 1	0 2 2 1 6
7. (9) Canberra Arrows	3 1 0 13 3	0 1 3 4 7
8. (5) Sydney Olympic	1 1 2 5 3	2 1 1 5 5
*9. (6) St George Budapest	3 1 0 8 2	0 1 2 0 2
10. (14) Marconi-Fairfield	2 1 1 5 5	1 0 3 4 6
*11. (11) APIA-Leichhardt	2 1 0 3 0	0 1 3 3 7
12. (10) South Melbourne Hellas	1 1 2 6 7	1 1 2 5 7
13. (12) Adelaide City Juventus	2 1 1 8 5	0 1 3 2 7
14. (13) Wollongong	0 3 1 5 6	1 1 2 5 7
*15. (15) Brisbane Lions	2 0 1 7 2	0 1 3 2 11
16. (16) Footscray J.U.T.	1 0 3 3 12	1 1 2 2 6

*Denotes match in hand.

Saturday experiment fails

**Canberra 3
Wollongong 1**

CANBERRA: Hoszowski 8, Young 7, Murray 7, Walsh 8, G. Byrne 7, T. Byrne 8, S. Byrne 8, McLaren 7, Cole 8, Bryant 8 (Perinovic, 45th, 8), Gibson 8, Farina 8.

WOLLONGONG: Preston 8, Willis 7, Vlastas 8, Dunlevy 7, Pollard 7, Gaffney 7.

Scorers: Can: Bryant, G. Byrne pen., Gibson; W. O'Connor.

Ref: Mr Bob Mee.

Crowd: 1,315

Cautions: Fleming, Pollard.

Fleming, 7, Ainsworth, 7, (McGreen, 6th, 7); Kerr, 7, Cotton, 8, O'Connor, 8.

Scorers: Can: Bryant, G. Bryant pen., Gibson; W. O'-Connor.

Ref: Mr Bob Mee.

Crowd: 1,315

Cautions: Fleming, Pollard.

A hotly disputed penalty that turned the tide

Canberra's way, and then a dream goal saw Canberra retain its home record by toppling draw specialists Wollongong 3-1 in Canberra on Saturday.

The penalty came just two minutes into the second half with the teams tied 1-1 at the half-time break.

This was a game of great pace, great excitement and total entertainment value — one watched, unfortunately, by a disappointing 1,315 spectators.

And this despite Canberra's sunbeaten home record so far in 1983!

Inevitably, I would suggest, Canberra's directors will now move back to Sunday soccer. It was just the excuse they wanted.

It is one that once more will bring them into conflict with the 'State' soccer body — the ACT Soccer Federation — and the Junior League.

Canberra took the lead in the 20th minute. Awarded a

free kick near the edge of area it was taken by Bryant and bent around the wall and into the far corner of the net.

Wollongong, against the run of play, equalised in the 30th minute. It was Cotton who slipped the ball from the free-kick to O'Connor and O'Connor found the net with a perfectly placed drive.

Then came the turning point — the penalty, one hotly disputed by Wollongong's coach Willie Wallace who later bitterly criticised the referee's handling of the game — a sentiment echoed by Canberra coach George Murray.

It was the second-half replacement for Steve Bryant, 18-year-old Marko Perinovic, who began the move that produced the penalty. He forced his way down the right flank and crossed to Farina.

Two defenders closed on Farina and referee Bob Mee bled immediately for the penalty.

Gary Byrne took the kick and scored — but not before Preston had tried valiantly to save by getting a hand to the ball but only sufficiently to prod it into the roof of the net.

And Ian Gibson's 55th minute goal was a gem. Preston had slide tackled Perinovic to save well, only to slot the ball to Gibson who immediately let loose a drive from fully 40 metres that slammed into the back of the net.

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Spoilt by rain

By The Bystander

**Sydney City 2
Brisbane City 2**

Scorers: Syd-Kosmina 26th.

min; De Marigny 87th. min;

Bris-Bromfield 57th. min;

Wilkinson 74th. min.

Ground: Oaks Oval, Lisburne

Crowd: 2,300

Referees: Tony Bevko 9

9th, 10th; Ray ISC; Bromfield (BC).

SYDNEY CITY: Pezzano 8,

Cant 5, Robertson 7, O'Connor

9, Bruce 6, Kay 8, Watson 8,

Barnes 8, Gomez 7, Kosmina

6, Boden 5 (De Marigny).

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart

7, Hamilton 8, Wilkinson 9,

Tokes 8, Perry 7, Liddell 6,

Bromfield 8, Pimbblett 7,

Hughes 6, Glickner 8, Wilkinson 8.

Lismore soccer officials

were disappointed that the drought decided to break at the weekend but the experiment to bring NSL to this city can be considered a success despite the poor crowd.

Obviously the crowd figure indicates otherwise but only the most dedicated supporters would venture out in such conditions.

Eddie Thomson, the Sydney City coach, and Jim Hermiston, his counterpart at Brisbane City, both promised during the week preceding the game that they would entertain and they did just that.

Although there had been a lot of rain the ground was sur-

prisingly firm and the only bad spot was the cricket pitch area.

Kosmina opened the scoring after 26 minutes when he headed home a cross from Watson. Murray Barnes had started the move wide on the left and he knocked it to Kay moving through the middle who passed it on to Watson wide on the right.

The game was one of two halves as Brisbane City soaked up a lot of pressure in the first half and proved the better side in the second.

Gary Bromfield equalised in the 57th, and it's doubtful he has scored anything easier. Tony Pezzano, the Sydney City goalkeeper, made a brilliant reflex save but could only push it on to the crossbar and it rebounded to Bromfield, faced with an open goal about two yards out.

Brisbane City took the lead after 75 minutes with the goal of the game from Billy Wilkinson. The ball was being scrambled around in the penalty area and was cleared to Wilkinson running wide on the left.

From 35 metres he chipped the ball into the top right hand corner of the net, giving Pezzano no chance.

Jean-Paul Marigny had replaced Boden and three minutes from the final whistle he got his first NSL goal to give Sydney City 9 points. Again the ball wasn't cleared properly and it went to De Marigny on the edge of the penalty area.

NSL team of the week

In brackets: No. of appearances in Team of the Week.

BOLAND (1)

(Foot JUST)

MARIANI (1)

(APIA)

KYRIAKOULEAS (1) S. O'CONNOR (1) WILKINSON (1)
(Foot JUST) (Bris. City)

MERMANNI (2) MASON (1) McCULLOCH (3) JONES (1)
(Marconi) (Newcastle) (Marconi) (Newcastle)

Farina (1)

(Canberra)

G. CAMPBELL (1)

(Makedonia)



APIA's Paul Carter (left) dashes past West's Chris Manou. Picture by FRANK HOBBS.

SOCER CITY

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Smash-grab JUST causes major upset

Foots. JUST 1
Syd. Olymp. 0

At Pratten Park.
Referee: Doug Rennie 5.
Crowd: 652.
Score: Lujic 65th min.
Cautions: Simic, Paton,
Soper.

OLYMPIC: Meier 6, Rogers
6, Herbert 7, Turtill 8, Kyriakouleas
8, Hazebeert 6, Curovic 6,
Paton 7, Carroll 6, Simic 7,
Soper 7, Katholos 6, Patterson
7.

JUST: Boland 8, Taylor 7,
Belic 7, Turtill 8, Kyriakouleas
8, Hazebeert 7, Curovic 6,
Paton 7, Carroll 6, Simic 7,
(Macleod 86th min), Lujic 7.

Calm determination and an almost air-tight defence nabbed three vitally important points for Footscray JUST in what must be one of the major upsets of the NSL season.

As a result of the two coaches' tactics the match provided precious little entertainment for the almost 6000 fans.

That Footscray JUST would concentrate mainly on defence was fairly predictable, but the thinking behind Olympic's tactics will have to be filed under "soccer's great mysteries".

Even in the dying minutes and with a one-goal deficit against them, Olympic continued to operate with a "libero" style sweeper against what was essentially a one or two-man offence.

McCulloch, Sermanni too good: Morton

Marconi 2
Heldelberg 0

Ground: Marconi Stadium
Crowd: 3371
Referee: Tim Davies 8
Yellow cards: Ian McKie,
Don McLeod (H), Tony Henderson (M)
Scores: Bozanic 21' pen,
Lica 65'

MARCONI: James 8, Bozanic 8, Rizzotto 8, Henderson 8, Degney 7, McCulloch 9, Sermanni 9, Carbone 7, Brown 6 (O'Rourke 46' - 5), Jankovic 5, Lica 5.

HEIDELBERG: Oliver 8,
McKie 7, Spanos 8, MacLeod 7, Yankoski 7, Valentine 7 (Toro 75'), Selemidis 5, Vincent 5, Campbell 6, Lee 6, Patterson 5.

Marconi subdued Heidelberg at Marconi Stadium to peel off the bottom of the League and signal a major revival at Bossley Park. After hitting its lowest ebb in the history of the club (being second last), Marconi fired against Footscray and Heidelberg to notch six goals and win both games convincingly.

Its midfield got on top of Heidelberg's playmakers and created quite a few goal-scoring opportunities in the process. Had Mark Jankovic been on the mark it would have been one hell of a disaster for the visitors. The Marconi star missed at least three opportunities when it looked more difficult to miss then score.

Jeff Oliver had something to do with it too, as he came off his bench couple of times to smother what looked certain goals. At the other end there was Bruce James who made an impact on play as well as some 3000 spectators. He plucked out Heidelberg crosses with ease and made two great saves to keep the visitors at bay.

It was at crucial times that the saves were made. It was after seven minutes of play that Derek Lea eluded Marconi's defence to send a low cross for Bob Vincent to crack one from some six metres. How on earth did James get to that ball?

With the score at 2-0 and Heidelberg coming forward, it was Lea again who burst through at the far post and some seven metres away from goal to face James. Two steps

while Olympic had most of the possession, such conservative tactics always threatened disaster, ever increasing as time ran out.

The only times the Sydneysiders looked likely to score were in the 17th minute, when Boland was caught out of position and Paterson's header had to be booted off the line by Kyriakouleas, who put on a repeat performance in the 84th

minute, this time saving a shot from Katholos.

After half time Turtill, another tower of strength for JUST, did well to clear a shot from Phillips, while on every other occasion Olympic threatened, goalie Dennis Boland flew higher and higher in a marvellous display of aerobatics.

Up front Lujic and Simic, looking rather lonesome against the Olympic defensive wall, still managed to be

threatening in their occasional breakdowns.

One of them finally paid off with 20 minutes to go, when Simic broke away to put his partner into the clear, with the stranded Olympic defenders appealing for an offside which never was.

Lujic did stumble about a bit, but finally managed to put the ball past Meier for the match-winning goal.

This agile twosome nearly managed to increase the lead

to 2-0 in the 85th minute, but with the home defence in tatters they failed to convert.

For the winners, Boland, as well as his fellow defenders Turtill, Kyriakouleas and Belic, all deserve praise.

Tommy Docherty's men on the other hand, were noteworthy mostly because of their shortcomings.

Mark Roussas was dropped but while out of favour at the moment, he is a noted defender who might have a place in

the Olympic scheme of things during the coming weeks.

Steve Paterson and Gary Phillips were the only Olympic players to rise above the very ordinary, in a match which never hit a level of excellence.

The Greek club will use the week off caused by the NSW v. Queensland match to lick its wounds — and try to regain form in a friendly against champions Sydney City Makoah at Pratten Park on Sunday.



Peter Scott

KB kills 'prima donnas'

SM-Hellas 2
Newcastle 5

Goals: 0-1 Cowburn (N) 19th min; 0-2 Lee (N) 22nd;
1-2 Egan (SM) 38th; 1-3 Jones (N) 42nd; 2-3 Woodlin (SM) 59th; 2-4 Lowe (N) 79th;
2-5 Lowe (N) 86th.

Venue: Middle Park.

Crowd: about 3000.

Referee: Jim Fearn (Vic).

Caution: Brown, Crino (SM).

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS: Laumets 4 — Russell 4, Blair 4, Yzendoorn 4 (ng), Buljevic 5, half-time, Davidson 4 (ng), total 9 (42nd), Holford 8, Crino 7, Murphy 6 — Brown 7, Egan 6, Woodlin 6.

NEWCASTLE KB UNITED: Gosling 7 — Major 7, Burke 7, Watson 7, Tredinnick 8 — Lee 8.



Laurie Schwab

goals tally of 16-10.

Now, after buying about \$70,000 worth of new players, Hellas is 12th, with 2 wins, 2 draws and 4 losses and with a goals tally of 11-24.

Hellas may improve on its recent results but early expectations of a championship title now appear to have been unrealistic.

In Hellas' defence, it was still well in the game after Crino and Woodlin had combined to make it 3-2, and perhaps Basic was justified in claiming referee Jim Fearn should have awarded a penalty over a push on Branko Buljevic. But in the end, the Hellas defence collapsed totally, and even earlier, when the score was 2-0, Grant Lee would have scored again with an ounce of luck.

What an acquisition Lee has proved to be! He played for Australia in the 1981 World Youth Championships, he's one of the fastest players in Australia, and one wonders what possessed Sydney City to let him go rather than to put him in its own team.

I spoke with Basic after the game in his office after he finally had emerged from the dressing rooms and made his way through a hostile crowd.

"We were absolutely undisciplined," he said. "We were naive, but then the injuries didn't help, either. Yzendoorn was injured in the fifth minute of the game, but he didn't tell me."

"We should have been given a penalty when Buljevic was pushed in the area, and that would have made it 3-2. When Newcastle scored their third goal, the referee was still pushing back our defensive wall."

"But I can't take anything away from Newcastle. They were super disciplined and in David Lowe, they have a super talent. It's good unschooled players like he who should be bought, not prima donnas."

His "prima donnas" reference is not Basic's first attack on the Hellas players. After the recent loss to Wollongong, he went as far as to say that Steve Blair, Alan Davidson and Bobby Russell shouldn't be in the national squad.

But accusations won't help Hellas now.

What is needed is for players and coach to sit down calmly, in friendly manner and discuss all problems — whatever they may be — in total frankness, formulate a solution and get down to implementing it.

Meanwhile, let's look back at Newcastle's triumph.

It was Brett Cowburn, retaining his place in the team ahead of Joe Senkalski, who took the first blow — a low, hard shot from an unmarked position, after a cross from Jones.

Three minutes later it was Cowburn who played a through ball to Lee for the second. Lee broke away, leaving the Hellas defenders behind, and so it was 2-0 after 22 minutes.

It should have been 3-0 six minutes later. Cowburn was through into the clear, his shot went square across goal and Lee, chasing it in, put it just past the post after pulling it onto it.

Charlie Egan scored from close range in the 38th minute, nipping in from behind Gary Watson who appeared to be trying to shepherd the ball to goalkeeper Clint Gosling, but Hellas' new-found hope was short-lived.

As the ball was played through the advancing Hellas defence, two Newcastle forwards were left offside, but the linesman did not raise his flag, and referee Jim Fearn waved play on as David Jones moved into the middle of the middle, and headed for goal, with Oscar Crino in pursuit. Crino had no option but to commit a professional foul to stop Jones, so he brought him down from behind and was shown the yellow card. Jones took the free kick himself and blasted it into the top corner, over the defensive wall and past goalkeeper Peter Laumets who didn't even move!

Buljevic came on for Yzen-



Grant Lee, Newcastle's star recruit from Sydney City, does battle with Alan Davidson.

door at half time, and Crino dropped back to the sweeper's position for the start of the half. It wasn't long however, before Crino was back in midfield.

Crino said afterwards he had told his players that if Hellas was getting back into the match, he should push up again, leaving behind only Bobby Russell and Steve Blair to mark Lowe and Mountford. As it turned out however, Carl Holford ended up marking Lowe much of the time. Holford did just about everything

in this game — he attacked, he defended, he picked up, he covered for team mates.

Davidson was hurt in a tackle by Burke just after half time and they tried in vain to treat his injury on the touchline before he finally had to be assisted off the ground, into the dressing rooms. He was to mark Lowe and Mountford.

While this was happening, Egan intercepted a bad back pass and cut the ball inside, but Watson cleared off the goal line.

Crino was doing everything he possibly could to get Hellas back into the game. He took the free kick himself after being fouled on the edge of the area, but Gosling palmed the ball over the bar acrobatically.

Then Crino stormed forward again, using his brilliant skill to dodge past opponents before setting up Steve Woodlin for a low shot that made the score 2-3.

Kalsler, watching from the bench, could sense danger, so he sent on Joe Senkalski and sacrificed Mountford who had been playing well, in order to tighten up the midfield.

Holford miskicked inside the area on a cut-back from Egan, just before Crino went down and was effectively put out of the game.

Then came the final killer blows. With the Hellas defence drastically undermined, it was now ripe for the picking. Jones broke down the left, unmarked, with Lowe running free in the middle. Jones played the square ball, Low sidestepped Laumets and belted it past a defender into the empty net to make the score 4-2.

Jones played another throughball to Lowe who again drove it around Laumets and then Holford, but shot straight at Blair who was standing on the goal line.

But Lowe got yet another chance, this time courtesy of Blair, who played a bad back pass in the direction of Laumets. Lowe ran onto it, Laumets came out at him, and Lowe lobbed it past Laumets into the net.

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Polonia, 1951, after a 7-1 victory over Geelong United, standing from left: Cebula, Zablocki, Bielok, Dzura, Terlikowski, Galecki, Chrzanowski, Kloczn. Front: Koszecinski, Czeuderna, Mazurek, Jskubowski.



Polonia, from left, standing: John Peter (team manager), Stefan Mila, Janusz Przybyla, Ted Krysiński, Mirek Smolarek, Leszek Dzielakowski, Michael Lukac, Danny McCluskey, Greg Czapnik, Stan Klain, Mike Lynn (coach), Michal Zurek (president). Front: George Petrov, Alex Marshall, Ricky Lipiarski, Peter Czapnik, Andy Czapnik, John Vathis, Marian Jaworski. Left: Ron Horfiniak. Missing: Brendan Lakic.

The leader

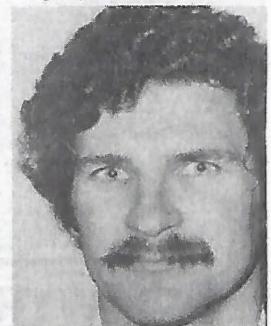


Mike Zurek

Polonia's executive committee consists of:

President Mike Zurek, managing director of MKZ Constructions; Vice-president Mark Zarzycki, solicitor, managing director of Odra Travel; Vice-president Mike Manski; Secretary Chad Kozicki, solicitor; Treasurer Stan Slazik, supply manager with Essendon City Council; Team manager John Peter, civil engineer, products manager for Potters Industries.

The general committee is a 26-member strong body.



Chad Kozicki



Dockerty Cup winners, 1961, from left standing: K. Trojanowski (vice-president), W. Gomej, C. Marks, W. Janczyk, Z. Maruszewski, H. Dockerty (Victorian Soccer Federation president), R. Szczepanski, Dr. C. Walker (Polonia president), A. Grawrowski (secretary), J. Dudson, Z. Gross, R. Winerwald (official). Front: H. Dressler (official), M. Jurecki, R. Drosia, M. Gasior, H. Gronowski, R. Gronowski.

Glorious history

1950: Polonia's foundation meeting held at 95 Brighton Road, St Kilda on August 13. The first committee, elected two weeks later, consisted of: J. Kowalcik, president; W. Kwiatkowski, secretary; F. Zieliński, team manager; B. Miejski, coach; M. Terlikowski, ground manager.

1951: Polonia moves to a new ground at Kooyong Park and hammers South Yarra 10-0. Two weeks later it's Frankston's turn. Polonia wins 8-3.

1954: Polonia joins First Division after just four years in existence.

1959: In June, Polonia's first Polish imports arrive. They are: Vic Janczyk and Marian Gasior of LKS Lodz, Richard Szczepanski from Polonia-Gdansk, Roch Dronia from Ruch Chorzow and Kaz Sygalski from Sparta-Chodakow.

1960: Polonia wins the State League championship and State League Cup.

1961: Polonia wins the State League Championship, Dockerty Cup and Laidlaw World Cup.

1963: Polonia wins the Ampol Cup and reaches the final of the Australia Cup only to lose 2-3 to Slavia. Inside forward Jana Jankowski is leading scorer in State League with 21 goals.

1964: Polonia won the Ampol Cup for the second successive year. It finished fourth in State League.

1967: Polonia finishes ninth in State League.

1968: A rejuvenated Polonia outfit, incorporating juniors from affiliated junior clubs North Sunshine and Ardeer, finishes second in State League behind powerful Croatia but ahead of Hellas, Hakoah and JUST.

In the 10 years from 1960 to 1970 Polonia's strength lay in attack. Mike Zurek scored 57 goals in that period, Kaz Kowalec 35, Jurek Dudson 23, Swoboda 17 and Norbert Gadja 16.

The club's successes since 1970 have been winning the Armstrong Cup for reserve teams in 1973 and winning promotion back into State League in 1981 by claiming the Metropolitan League First Division championship.

Polonia finished fifth in State League last year, three points behind fourth placed Morwell Falcons. The quality of the team rarely was questioned. Consistency, or the lack of it, was Polonia's major problem however the team, under coach Kowalec, must be congratulated on establishing the club as a State League power again. Few changes in playing staff have eventuated this year under new coach Mike Lynn.

Stopper Danny McCluskey, young midfielder George Petrov and goalkeeper Michael Lukac have joined from Kew City. Goalkeeper Larry Ostrowsky is set to join State League rival Northcote, so the basis of this year's outfit is the same as the side which carried the club's banner throughout the 1982 season.

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POLONIA

We can win league title says Lynn

"The minimum prerequisite for me to say that I've had success this year would be for Polonia to finish in the top four. But I seriously believe that we can go even better and win the title. We've got the ability and with the usual dose of luck and an injury free run I know that we can do it."

That's Mike Lynn's view of Polonia, the first State League club he's coached.

Lynn's thoughtful, articulate and usually candid qualities often lost or hidden in conversations between coaches and journalists. Then again, Lynn's learning the ropes. The relationship between the soccer press and club officials, coaches and players is currently one of his favorite topics.

"I've come to appreciate the incestuous nature of our soccer scene. Everyone knows what everyone else is doing and everyone feeds off each other," said Lynn.

"One of the most negative aspects of the game here is the quality of people we lose. Take Fred Buncle for example. He's still coaching, at Fitzroy. Guilty in Four Divison, but he's been lost to the higher levels of the game, where he belongs. He's a friend of mine. I suppose that he won't mind me saying that he dropped out. He's too nice to put up with the politics, the back-stabbing, with being told what to do and who to pick. He's got too much integrity for that sort of stuff but it's a pity that he's dropped out because the game really needs people like him."

"The positive aspects of the game are the quality of some of the players and coaches. I don't think we really appreciate the quality of some of our players. As for coaching, you can go past Len McKendry or John Gardner. And Bill Murray too. There's a guy who has worked wonders with Box Hill and doesn't get the praise he deserves."

Lynn had two interviews last year before the Polish sponsored club appointed him. His first impression of the committee was that it wanted someone to get the best out of its Polish imports while at the same time taking a major departure from tradition and hiring a non-Polish coach, aims which seemed to be at odds with each other.

"I felt that the committee was a bit wary about me because I was the first non-Polish coach the club's history. I have had to face up to genuine language barriers with some of the players and my training is a vast departure from what Polonia players had been used to."

"It's fair to say that in the past training wasn't really hard. However, my training is hard, both physically and mentally. If you want to cover midfields, to get back behind the ball, then close down a particular space, you don't do it simply by telling them. You do it on the training track and you do it over and over again."

Lynn's main immediate task is to successfully blend the Polish, Australian and British attitudes of his squad. He has a high opinion of his players' ability but let's get a bit deeper into the coach's mind and look at Lynn's assessment of some of his players:

STEFAN MILA: "The most complete footballer in my squad. He looks and acts the part too. He can play the ball long with great accuracy, assets when he's in possession or when he's on the attack and he can play the ball early. He's an enormous tackler. In fact you have to watch out for him even in training! Perhaps the only flaw in his game is that he's not a great player watcher but he gets away with that at sweater where he fills in spaces rather than marks."

DANNY MCCLUSKEY: "The most pleasing signing I've made this year to date. People may not be aware of just how skilful he is.

They're certainly not aware of his pace. He's so good in the air that I rate him as the best defensive header of a ball in Victoria. His personality is magic in the dressing room. The first night he came to train he walked up to the Polish players, shook their hands, then wished them 'cheers' in Russian! Everyone collapsed around the place in laughter. He's been liked ever since."

MIREK SMOLAREK: "The unsung Pole of the side. In fact, he's the most accomplished left back in the country, having played for 15 years as a professional in Poland. Like all the Polish players, I'm amazed at the majestically fluent fashion in which he strikes the ball."

RICK LIPIARSKI: "One of the most dedicated players I've come across. And easy to coach. A great listener. Always prepared to learn."

ANDREW CZAPNIK: "I switched him into midfield, even though he played centre half last year and is the best marker in the team. He's a great athlete and his attitude is first class, that's why, at 34, he still can play so well."

PETER CZAPNIK: "The enigma of the team. Highly temperamental yet tremendously gifted. You have to take your time with Peter, to work him around to your way of thinking. Judging by his recent performances he's settled down and ready to show everyone just how fine a player he is."

GEORGE PETROW: "I can't speak highly enough of young George. Who I signed from Kew this year. He's just turned 18 and I haven't seen a better, more fearless tackler for his age. I'm still trying to work out why he's not in the Victorian youth squad."

BRENDAN LAKIC: "I use him more as a midfielder, playing inbetween Petrov, the Czapniks and Marshall and Przybyla but I use him wide on either flank. He's got boundless energy and one of characters of the squad."

ALEX MARSHALL: "I considered early on that he was uncoachable! I've had to work so hard on Alex but we're getting there. I've worked on getting him to play through the middle rather than going wide. I've also tried to cut out those ridiculous little flicks that he liked to do. It just takes time to change him. He's probably never been coached before which is half of his problems. For his size his skill is uncanny. He can do anything. When he turns it on he's one of these players you'd gladly pay good money for the privilege of watching."

JANUSZ PRZYBYLA: "Another enigma. Excellent positional sense but very temperamental, which is strange for such an experienced player. He favors his left foot but he's got outstanding shooting ability."

Lynn believes that he's understaffed, especially up front. Ron Horfniak, young Greg Czarnik, John Vaths and Stan Klein give Polonia defensive cover but should Marshall of Przybyla get injured then Lynn striking options are severely limited. Nevertheless, Lynn remains optimistic.

"I keep telling people that we can do it. We can win the championship."

"I'll stay with Polonia for as long as I feel that I'm contributing to the development of the team. I get a great kick out of organising individuals into successful groups and I enjoy the relationship I have with my players."

— CRAIG MACKENZIE



Mike Lynn in action for Ken Park Rangers last season.

Polonia coach Mike Lynn played with English club Wolverhampton Wanderers from 1966-1968. He played in the Yorkshire and Northern Premier Leagues before joining Ringwood Whitehorses in 1970.

Lynn joined Croydon in 1977 and his first senior coaching appointment was with Fawkner, during the 1980 and 1981 seasons. Under Lynn, Fawkner won promotion from Metro Third Division, won the Second Division championship and the 1980 Cup Italia. He left Fawkner before the first league game of the 1982 season and joined Kew City as a player.

He was appointed coach of Polonia late last year.

He majored in psychology at Melbourne University and completed his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1972. In 1976, under then Victorian Director of Coaching, Ron Smith, Lynn gained his senior coaching badge.



TV the key to sponsor support

Polonia will embark upon a new era in its history if the club's marketing sub-committee has its way, an era involving the broadening of the club's support base.

The sub-committee consists of Wally Kain, John and George Pater, Eric Rybar and Lyn Young and its charter concerns the feasibility of Polonia joining the proposed southern region of the national league, with the ultimate aim of making Polonia the number one club in the entire Asia-Oceania region by 1986.

TV exposure is vital to

Polonia realising its goals. The impact of sponsors' messages, through TV, is the key note to gaining major sponsorship deals.

Contrary to the common belief that soccer and Australian Rules constantly are at loggerheads, Polonia has received great help in its marketing plans, from Fitzroy Football Club, Fitzroy's marketing manager, Jenny Paul, has suggested marketing guidelines for Polonia's sub-committee is gathering a wealth of information on marketing techniques and is confident of successfully "selling" the club.

The broadening of the club's support base can be achieved through the efforts of the newly formed social committee. This body, formed two months ago, plans a major departure from traditional social activities. It already has planned fashion parades, river cruises, mystery train rides, car rallies, picnics, casino nights and cocktail parties.

Apart from the obvious fund raising aim of the social committee it also intends to improve family involvement in club activities.

The marketing and social committees are staffed by first generation Australians. This young brigade has the enthusiasm and the know-how to make Polonia great.

Pater turned his back on the VFL



John Pater
Polish connection". Pater's parents are Pole.

Pater played with Polonia's first team in the First Division of the Metropolitan Leagues in 1977 and won the best player award run by "Tigodnik", the local Polish weekly newspaper.

The following year, 1978, Pater, a defender, was dropped to the reserves after

Jamie Paton, then with Slavia, scored a hat-trick in the first half of a clash between Polonia and Slavia. Pater was marking Paton during that game.

Pater won back his first team place toward the end of the season but spent the next two years working in Saudi Arabia. He returned to Australia in November 1981. He took part in pre-season training in 1982 but suffered a leg injury in his first game against George Cross. So severe was the injury that it necessitated surgery and Pater decided to retire.

He was appointed Polonia's team manager at last year's end-of-season annual general meeting.

Pater is one of the young breed of Polonia administrators. He's assertive, articulate and oozes self-confidence, qualities which may pay a big part in Polonia's drive for glory in the 1980s.

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Ajax to triumph

Juventus will be out to perform its second successive giant killing act when it runs into defending State League champion Green Gully Ajax at Olympic Park No. 2 on Sunday at 3 pm.

Spurred on by youngsters Fabio Incantalupo and the exciting Andrew Zinni, the black and whites must fancy their chances but I'm tipping Ajax to win.

Under coach Len McKeown, Ajax has gone 16 consecutive games without defeat and should keep its record intact on Sunday. Key men in the Ajax line-up, strikers Bobby Toal and Paul Lewis, could be too quick for the Juventus defence, marshalled by Pat Bannon and featuring tall stopper Paul Drinoczyk.

Croydon and Polonia clash

at Croydon Park on Sunday in a match crucial to the top four aspirations of both outfits. Croydon will be keen to bounce back after last weekend's reversal against Doveton but I'm going to stick my neck out and tip the Polish sponsored club to triumph.

Albion Rovers can win their

first game of the State League season when they clash with South Melbourne Hellas at Selwyn Park on Saturday.

Rovers have played just over 60 minutes of league football without scoring but I'm betting that they'll break their

handful at Jukes Road on

drought against the young Hellas outfit.

Morwell Falcons must get back into the winner's circle when they face struggling Ringwood Wilhelmina at North Cringin Reserve on Saturday. That's if Falcons are to have any chance of snatching a top four berth. Falcons will win.

Despite signs that Sunshine George Cross is running back into form I can't see the combine beating Melbourne Croata at Chapel Reserve on Sunday. The much vaunted Tommy Cummings-Ossie Latif striking partnership can get back onto the goal trail here.

State League newcomers Fawkner and Box Hill are proving welcome additions to the competition despite poor showings during the pre-season Buffalo Cup. Fawkner however, will find Doveton a

handful at Wembley Park on

Sunday and may have to settle for a point. Box Hill clashes with Northcote at Wembley Park, also on Sunday, and should record its fourth league success.

This weekend's games with likely winners in capitals:

SATURDAY

ALBION ROVERS v South Melbourne Hellas at Selwyn Park, 2.45 pm

MORWELL FALCONS v Ringwood Wilhelmina at North Cringin Reserve, 2.45 pm.

SUNDAY

Juventus v GREEN GULLY AJAX at Olympic Park No. 2, 3 pm.

Sunshine-George Cross v CROATIA at Chapel Reserve, 3 pm.

Croydon v POLONIA at Croydon Park, 3 pm.

Fawkner v Doveton (draw) at Jukes Road, 3 pm.

BOX HILL v Northcote at Wembley Park, 3 pm.

Penalty swings pendulum Ajax's way

GREEN GULLY AJAX 2 (Smallman 13th, 77th, Toal 89th) MORWELL FALCONS 0 at Green Gully Reserve, Sunday.

Ajax 0, Doveton 0 — Toal 89th, 7, Short 4, Carroll 7, Hopkins 7, Grechian 6, Williams 6, Boyle 7, Vassallo 6 — Toal (lnf. MacLean 50th), Smallman 6. Coach: Len McKenna.

MORWELL FALCONS: Whiteside 7 — Darby 6, Irene (lnf. Plummer 24th), Inj. Lecky 67th, Higham 7, Train 8 — Bingham 8, McGuinness 6, MacLean 7, O'Callaghan 6, Evans 7, Miller 7. Coach: Tony Dring.

Paul Lewis, listed on the Ajax team sheet, didn't take his place in the ride due to food poisoning in a match which really came to life the minute the second half kicked off with Ajax leading 1-0.

For the next 30 minutes Morwell Falcons outpressed Ajax. Falcons went one-on-one at the back and in a ferocious half hour period in which even some spectators shuddered at the intensity of the battle, it somehow seemed inevitable that a penalty decision would break the precarious balance of the contest.

The pendulum swung Ajax's way in the 77th minute. Bobby

Toal got free on the right, crossed to Willie Vassallo who was held by John Higham and referred Sam Zourma pointed to the penalty spot. David Smallman took the kick and sent the ball under the right arm of Bill Whiteside.

Ajax had opened its account in the 13th minute. Brian Darby lost the ball in the middle of the park. Toul broke clear, beat Sandy Irvine, cut inside and shot. The ball was blocked by John O'Callaghan and fell to Smallman. His quick chip appeared to be covered by Whiteside until the ball deflected off Irvine's shoulder and went in at the far corner.

Ajax's poor finishing for the next 10 minutes could have proved costly had fate decreed that Morwell was to get the breakthrough in the second half.

A train cross in the 68th minute found Alan Evans who pulled the ball down then shot

By MICK O'BRIEN

wide of the far post. This was Falcons' best chance during the hectic 30 minute period after half time.

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The Latrobe Valley club must be careful notto panic in the light of its recent results.

Morwell has played Polonia and Ajax away from home and Croatia at home. The net result of these clashes has been three defeats totalling eight goals against and none for. It must be remembered though, that you don't face that calibre of opposition every week. Morwell still is a very competent State League outfit.

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The final result was:

Thornbury High 2 CBC St Kilda 3.

Hawthorn High 2 Murrumbeena 1.

Springvale High 8 Kew 4.

Hastings High 4 Essendon 2.

Huntingdale High 9 Heidelberg 8.

Springvale High v CBC St Kilda.

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Ray Taylor took a corner kick poorly in the 60th minute but the attempted Wilhelmina clearance came back to Taylor whose second try, driven across the goal, came off a defender and fell for Keenan whose hard, low drive sent the ball into the bottom left hand corner of goal from about 15 metres out.

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Jim Kondaros — Fewner's new signing from J.U.S.T.

IN BRIEF

The "Juventini Club", Juventus' very successful youth club organisation, played its first game Saturday May 7 at the "Cupola", in the old Essendon Airport main terminal.

Abbey Road and a top DJ will be the attractions.

Constantinou 5. Coach: Tony Vratislav.

ALBION ROVERS: Costello 8 (lnf. Cyril 65th) — Gates 7, Hammessey 7, Macleod 9, Douglas 9 — Farrie 6, Railey 8, Gray 6 — Smart 7, D'Sylva 5, K. Coyle (Dickson 65th). Coach: Hugh Murray.

Eddie Gray makes his debut for Albion, goalie Tom Costello carried off after a clash with John Creany in the second half, goalies Larry Ostrowski joins Northcote from Polonia for \$1,300 and young striker Arthur Papadakis starts his first career in Northcote's first team.

There were the major stories to emerge from a disappointing clash between Northcote and Albion at John Cain Reserve.

Keiron Coyle and Mick D'Sylva were the culprits as Albion's amazing goal drought (it hasn't scored in the league this season) continues to plague the Selwyn Park outfit.

Coyle got clear in the first half

LYNN PRAISES COMBINE

POLONIA 3 (Marshall 77th, 89th, Przybyla 20th) SUNSHINE-GEORGE CROSS 1 (McCluskey o.g. 64th) at Raleigh Reserve, Sunday.

The combine levelled about 20 minutes into the second half. The Polonia defence repelled a combine corner but the resultant throw-in ended with Chris Taylor in possession inside the Polonia area. Taylor's shot struck McCluskey's knee, deflecting the ball past stranded Leszek Dzialek.

Big Polonia striker Alex Marshall decided to take matters into his own hands. Tad Krysienski had come on in place of Marian Jaworski and sent a great pass to Przybyla who knocked the ball into Marshall's path and the gigantic striker smashed an unstoppable shot from 12 metres past Coyle.

A piece of Peter Czapnik magic set up Marshall for Polonia's third goal late in the game. Peter Czapnik gained possession inside his defensive half, played a one-two with brother Andy then beat three opponents on route for the combine goal. From near the edge of the combine area Czapnik followed up and cut the ball back to the edge of the area where the incoming Marshall struck a hard, low shot sending the ball into the bottom corner to make it 3-1.

South Melbourne Hellas v Fawkner: 3 Bekiaris (SMH), 2 Kalfatidis (SMH), 1 Cozzella (F).

Progressive votes:

11 — Tuffield (Fawkner)

11 — Moore (Northcote), Kalfatidis (SMH).

8 — Doherty (Ajax), Mila (Polonia), Macleod (Albion).

Leading scorers:

6 — Cummings, Latif (Croatia).

4 — Smallman (Ajax), Wade (Croydon), McGuinness (Morwell), Marshall, Przybyla (Polonia), Gilder (SGC), Stewart (Wilhelmina).

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WHAT A GOAL: A couple of weeks ago Polonia beat Morwell Falcons 2-0. The second goal was scored by Polonia's new centre-half Danjos McCluski.

Men Danjos in the Castle about 6 O'Clock and I asked him what his goal was like. "Och! nothing spectacular, I came forward for a free-kick, one of Morwell's defenders came with me to cover, then for some odd reason he stopped and I went off in the ball on my own. The ball came out and I nodded it from about eight yards," he said, wili folks, sounds quite simple doesn't it?

Now listen to the later-on version, after about 15 Pernods and Clayton's (he was undecided whether to have a drink or not). One of the lads asked him what his goal was like. "A Cracker!! I sprinted forward for a free-kick, left my marker stranded, and astounded to it death with the ball up the free-kick buster did about three-four of them, flicked it up and bulletted it past their keeper Was Me Held!"

TIMBER: In the same game at Raleigh Reserve big Alex Marshall was tripped up fell over and hit his head on the bar at Selwyn Park.

FOOT AND MOUTH (Part Three): Remember Liam (I'm blotted out ma hooster) Houston? Well, I told you in the last instalment he was on his way to Australia. Beep-Beep decided to see a bit of the world first so his first step was Canada.

While there he thought he would try and get a lumber-jack camp. He went to a lumber-jack camp (that's a place full of wooden tents), and asked the boss if he was looking for any lumber-jacks. The boss asked Liam if he had any experience as a lumber jack. "Bags of it!" was our hero's reply.

"Where's the last place you worked as a lumber jack?" Asked the boss.

"The Sahara!" was Liam's answer. "That's a bloody

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 1 (Bakiaris, 75th) FAWKNER-AZZURRI 2 (Cazzola 17th and 70th) at Middle Park, Saturday.

HELLAS: Faro 5 — Anazakis 5 (Bitzakis 74th); Kastanakis 7, Karidis 7, Abram 7 — Katsikas 7, half time Bakiaris 8; Head 6, Kalemboh 7. Coach: Jim Armento.

FAWKNER: Tzirini 7 — Sabedrin 6, Fattorini 6, Kondaros 6, Schipano 6 — Palmiericotti 5 (Curcija 6, half time); C. Sabedrin 5 (Anselmo 6, Curcija 6 — Palomino 3, Tuffield 6, Cazzola 7. Coach: Carlo Cirivello.

Jim Kondaros made his debut for Fawkner-Azzurri following his move from Footscray J.U.S.T. and was kept busy by an enterprising, hard-running Hellas team in which Christ Bakiaris excelled.

Fawkner-Azzurri has been in the doldrums for the past few weeks, yet has been winning despite its poor play.

The team is bound to im-

McIVOR UP FOR TRANSFER

DOVETON 3 (Dowie 18th, Buchanan 39th, Webster 73rd) CROYDON 1 (Nolan penalty 78th) at Waratah Reserve, Sunday.

DOVETON: Keogh 8 — Brabbin 8 (inj. Bartlett 85th), Marrick 7, Thurlow 7, Mills 7 — Waterhouse 6 (Murray 75th), Dowie 7, Buchanan 7 — Webster 7, Stirling 7, M. Lennon 8. Coach: Eric McRitchie.

CROYDON: Kastner 7 — Singleton 7, McCombe 8, Dobson 8 (raise 65th), Hobson 8 — Brown 6, Rooney 6 (P. Loughman 75th), Wade 8 — Nolan 6, Irvine 6, Sweeney 7. Caretaker coach: Jim Rooney.

Doveton transfer listed mid-fielder Mike McIvor on the weekend. McIvor joined Doveton in 1981 from national league club Footscray JUST and the Doves have placed a \$3,000 negotiable transfer fee on his head.

Despite McIvor's absence on Sunday the Doves caused a minor upset by downing more fancied rival Croydon 3-1 at Waratah Reserve. It was the Doveton of old on Sunday. The players came out revved up for this battle and their commitment and endeavour, sadly missing for most of the season, was a major factor in this victory.

LAUGHS WITH THE DOC

By JOE DOCHERTY



desert," said the boss. "Aye," said Beep-Beep. "It is now."

Undeterred, the lad carried on his travels. One day, on his journey through Africa, Liam came face to face with a ferocious lion. He (Beep-Beep) pointed on it immediately and battered it to death with his club. There was fifty of them in the club. Further adventures next week.

DIGGER: I don't know how old Mick Rainey (Croydon City) is, but was spotted in the Anzac Day march-parade later in the Greenleigh RSL, having marched with some old comrades. Michael, "Lest we Forget," gets 10 points on the dinkometer.

FLAG BEARER: At Footscray-J.U.S.T. training last week, wee Booby wanted to finish off with a few relay races. He needed something to be a bit of a break between the fast Scottish wee Boobys says to big Paul Simic: "Gonnae ter up tae ra dressing rooms and see if ye can no find yon wee flags (lineman's flags) Aw right!! Nae bother!! Eh! Big Simic dashed off and came back with two corner flags!

MOTHER'S DAY: Talking to Charlie Egan's wee Louise, the other day, The Doc: "You'll be able to come and watch the Albion this weekend, then, coz thers a nee NSL games on."

Louise Egan: "Did they call them off because of Mother's Day?"

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Another former NSL player, Bruno Cozzella from J.U.S.T.,

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European championships

Results of European soccer championship matches with current standings:

GROUP ONE

In Brussels: BELGIUM beat EAST GERMANY 2-1 (halftime 2-1). Scorers: Belgium — Coeckens, Coeck. East Germany — Streich.

Belgium	4	4	0	0	10	4	8
Scotland	4	1	1	2	6	7	3
Switzerland	3	1	1	4	5	3	
East Germany	3	0	0	3	1	6	0

GROUP TWO

In Moscow: SOVIET UNION beat PORTUGAL 5-0. Scorers — Soviet Union: Cherenkov (16 and 63), Rodionov (40), Demyanenko (53), Larionov (86).

-Soviet Union	2	2	0	0	7	0	4
Portugal	3	2	0	1	4	6	3
Poland	3	1	1	1	5	5	3
Finland	4	0	1	3	3	8	1

GROUP THREE

In Copenhagen: DENMARK beat GREECE 1-0 (halftime 0-0). Scorer: Soren Busk (77).

In London: ENGLAND beat HUNGARY 2-0 (halftime 1-0). Scorer — Francis, Withe.

England	5	3	2	0	16	2	8
Denmark	3	2	1	0	5	3	5
Hungary	3	2	0	1	12	6	4
Greece	4	1	1	2	4	4	3
Luxembourg	5	0	0	5	15	0	

GROUP FOUR

In Wrexham: WALES beat BULGARIA 1-0 (halftime 0-0). Scorer — Jeremy Charles.

Wales	3	2	1	0	6	3	5
Norway	3	1	1	1	5	4	3
Yugoslavia	3	1	1	1	6	7	3
Bulgaria	3	0	1	2	2	4	1

GROUP SIX

In Belfast: NORTHERN IRELAND beat ALBANIA 1-0 (halftime 0-0). Scorer — Stewart.

In Vienna: AUSTRIA and WEST GERMANY drew 0-0.

Austria	4	3	1	0	11	0	7
Northern Ireland	5	3	1	1	4	3	7
West Germany	4	2	1	1	5	2	6
Turkey	4	1	0	3	2	0	2
Albania	5	0	1	4	1	0	1

GROUP SEVEN

In Zaragoza: SPAIN beat IRELAND 2-0 (halftime 0-0). Scorers — Carlos Santillana (51), Hipolito Rincon (89).

Spain	4	3	1	0	7	3	7
Netherlands	4	2	1	1	9	3	5
Ireland	5	2	1	2	7	7	5
Malta	3	1	0	2	2	8	2
Iceland	4	0	1	3	2	6	1

From JIM COOK
our European
correspondent

Coeck, Briegel to AC Milan?

Anderlecht star Ludo Coeck, a member of Belgium's highly successful international team, may join Joe Jordan with AC Milan. The Italian club has also been watching Kaiseraulern defender Hans Peter Briegel for some time.

Europe's top 10

Top ten attendances in Europe in order are Barcelona, Real Madrid, AS Roma, Napoli, AC Milan, Manchester United, Inter Milan, Juventus and Athletico Madrid. Barcelona's average gate is over 102,000!

Dutch stars to Canada

Canada's new domestic league gets underway this summer and they aim to make it bigger and better than that of their American neighbours. Millionaire businessman John Tiesmessen, owner of Edmonton Eagles, has just signed four Dutch players including three internationals Piet Schrijvers, Lee Van Veen and Hugo Hovenkamp.

English star dies

Gerry Hitchens, 49, who collapsed and died playing in a business-cum-charity match in Wales was one of Europe's leading strikers in the 60s. Hitchens started with Cardiff City, made his mark with Aston Villa then spent nine years in Italian soccer mostly with Inter-Milan. He played seven times for England including appearances in the 1962 World Cup Finals.

Super Celts remain

Four playing members of Celtic's side which won the European Cup in 1967 are still with the club. Billy McNeill is manager, John Clark assistant manager, Steve Chalmers is the club's pools boss while Bobby Lennox is reserve team coach.

Jerkovic Zurich captain

Yugoslav international Jurica Jerkovic was recently chosen by his team-mates to take over the captaincy of Swiss side Zurich.

Swedish keeper finished?

It looks like the end of the road for veteran Swedish international keeper Ronnie Hallström who broke his arm playing for Kaiseraulern against Stuttgart.

Windfall for Aberdeen

Aberdeen in the finals of the European Cup-Winners Cup and the Scottish Cup have been inundated with offers to play in several glamour tournaments on the Continent this summer. With packed houses most of the seasons, money is rolling into Pittodrie quicker than they can count it.

Fiji to try again

The Fiji Football Association has decided to enter the next World Cup competition — despite setting the record for having the greatest number of goals scored against them in last year's competition.

The FFA president, Manikam Pilai, rejected speculation that Fiji would withdraw from the next cup.

Fiji vice-president, Balu Naivalu, said that if Fiji did not take part, it would have to pay a fine.

In the preliminary rounds of the last World Cup competition, Fiji was beaten 10-11 by Australia, and a few days later were thrashed 13-nil in Auckland by New Zealand.

Scotland names youth team

Dundee United defenders
David Beaumont and Gary McGinnis were named in the Scotland Under-19 squad which will go to Mexico for the World Youth championship in June. And their midfield clubmate Jim Page is standing by and could be called in in the event of injury.

Scotland manager Andy Roxburgh has given a vote of confidence to home-based Scots, with 17 of them included in his pool of 18 — the only outside being winger Ally Dick of Tottenham.

Big surprise in the selection is St Mirren full-back Steve Clarke, who has not played in

the youth team before. But Roxburgh says, "He deserves his place thanks to an outstanding season in the Premier League."

The Scotland squad will have at least a week's altitude training at Colorado Springs in America before going on to Mexico and they will meet both the United States team and an air force team at the United States Air Force base where they will be staying. The squad is:-

Gunn (Aberdeen), Westwater (Harts), Beaumont (Dundee United), Cooper (Aberdeen), Clarke (St. Mirren), Phillips (Stirling Albion), McGinnis (Celtic), McPherson (Rangers), McStay (Celtic), McNamee (Rangers), McNamee (Dundee United), Dobbin (Celtic), Macdonald (Harts), Nevin (Clyde), Black (Aberdeen), McClair (Motherwell), Dick (Tottenham).

Roxburgh has also registered a number of reserves who will be called in, in the event of injury. They are:-

Rees (Hibs), Sinclair (Notts Forest), Gaillard (Heart of Midlothian), Black (Rangers), Page (Dundee United), Doyle (Partick Thistle), Grant (Celtic), Kennedy (Rangers), Livingston (Wolves), McIver (Kilmarnock), Robertson (Hearts).

One Dundee player and two from Dundee United are included in the Scotland under-18 squad which will attempt to keep the European championship which they won last season in Finland.

Included in the 17-strong squad, announced yesterday by manager Andy Roxburgh and which will head for England in May, are Dundee defender McKinlay and Dundee United's Jim Page and John Clark.

The under-18 pool is:-

Sinclair (Notts Forest), Bruce (Rangers), Dickson (Cheltenham), Remond (Leicester), Gibson (Chelsea), Flaxley (Clyde), McKinlay (Dundee), Page (Dundee United), Doyle (Partick Thistle), Porteous (Aberdeen), Grant (Celtic), Fahey (Motherwell), Murphy (Rangers), Robertson (Hearts), Clark (Dundee United), Dick (Tottenham), Livingston (Wolves).

BRUTALITY!

KAT'S CORNER

with PETER KATHOLOS



This week I want to talk about Sydney Olympic's recent game against Adelaide City — a game in which some important questions were raised about the standard of refereeing and the attitude of some players.

The aim of all players obviously should be to go out and entertain the spectators, for that's what they pay to see.

In this particular game, some of the Adelaide City players tried to kick your legs from under you.

This is where the referee comes in.

Right from the word go, the referee must stamp his authority on the game and make sure that no nasty incident goes unpunished.

Perhaps the referee of the Adelaide City v. Olympic game, being Greek, and referring to a Greek club, tried too hard to be impartial and as a result did not give Olympic some of the decisions to which we were entitled.

The day of the Adelaide City Olympic game was Tommy Docherty's birthday and the present he wanted from his players was a victory. Well, the Doc got just that and we hope we can give him similar presents every week from now on.

The interstate game between Queensland and NSW is coming up in Brisbane on May 8, and promises to be a very interesting affair.

I reckon the Queensland boy will want to prove that Frank Arrok was wrong in not including any of them in the

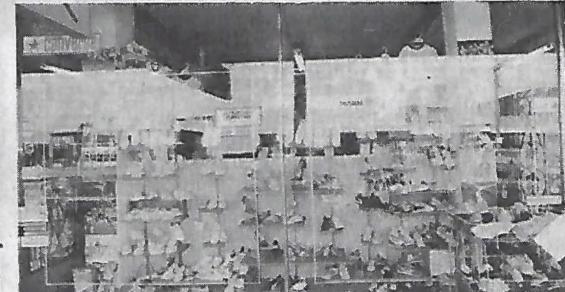
result did not give Olympic some of the decisions to which we were entitled.

Well, well, well, who would have thought at the start of the year that the South Melbourne Hellas all-star team could suffer successive defeats to St. George, Wollongong and Brisbane City — after all, everyone tipped Hellas as the most likely contender for the championship.

Good to see my old boy Doug Collins picking up points with his team after poor results early on. I hope Marconi can keep it up. The Italians, like the Greeks, demand victory, so keep it up, Doug.

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VIVA ITALIA!

with ROCKY DIZIO

Con il Morwell in difficoltà, la Juventus battuta la settimana scorsa dal Polonia e il Green Gully che non sembra ancora ingranare a dovere, il Croatia stava diventando il battistrada del campionato di Lega Statale e, con il formidabile quoziente reti di 187-1 in sei partite, manacciava di involarsi solitario verso il traguardo finale, distruggendo così ogni interesse nella competizione.

Ma a scongiurare il pericolo e' intervenuta una generosa Juventus che ha annullato quasi completamente il micidiale attacco croato e ha bucato la difesa della capolista il doppio di quanto lo era stato nelle sei partite precedenti.

La sconfitta subita la settimana scorsa dal Polonia si e' rivelata molto salutare per la difesa bianconera che domenica scorsa ha giocato con grande disciplina, senza mai permettersi la minima dis-

trazione. I capocannonieri della Lega, Cumming e Latif, si sono persi nelle file della pederosa difesa juventina a hanno balbettato per tutta la partita come dei principianti. Margaritis, molto, l'avvincentemente, non si e' preoccupato delle reputazioni di queste due macchine da goal e ha impostato la sua difesa con grande decisione, ma senza causare troppe punizioni a sfavore. Vince Bannon ha anche disputato un incontro eccezionale per impegno fisico, lucidita' di riflessi e pri-

sione negli interventi. Hird, dopo la prova disastrosa della settimana scorsa, ha ampiamente meritato la sufficienza e il portiere Clayton ha retto molto bene, anche se come suo solito a volte ha fatto correre dei brividi in situazioni non tanto drammatiche.

Il centrocampista di Ged Bannon, Rogers e Swinscoe e' stato generosissimo, rompendo sul nascere molte delle offensive avversarie, torando indietro a difendere tutte le volte che ce ne e' stato bisogno, senza però trascurare suggerimenti in avanti, specialmente Rogers, dal cui piede sono partite le azioni piu' pericolose della Juventus, incluse quelle che hanno portato alla marcatura.

Ma la Juventus non si e' limitata a difendere, anche se la prima e' stata piccata principalmente nella sua tre quarti campo, con Incantalo e Zinni sempre pericolosi in attacco e French molto impegnato in posizione alquanto piu' arretrata e magistralmente suggeritore di Incantalo in occasione della prima rete. Zinni ha lasciato il campo verso la fine, a risultato già acquisito, per corrispondere ulteriori rischi con le sue caviglie destre, che gli avevano fatto mancare tutti gli allenamenti durante la settimana. Il ragazzo inoltre sembra aver imparato la lezione e comincia a limitare la sua esuberanza giovanile risparmiando un po' di le energie e evitando rischi inutili. Lloyd e' rimasto in panchina a causa di uno strappo muscolare riportato la settimana scorsa, assieme a Nelson che e' quindi subentrato a lui. Dopo la disfatta di Cavalli e la vittoria di Henry, Margaritis ha chiamato in panchina il giovane Mitrovic per darsi maggior scelta di sostituti. Ovvio che il parco giocatori alla Juventus sta assottigliando pericolosamente e chi qualche aggiunta deve essere fatta al piu' presto possibile per evitare dispiaceri quando arriveranno gli inevitabili infortuni multipli e le squallide.

In Croatia, se non altro, ha peccato di ingenuita' affollando l'area juventina e rimanendo troppo scoperto in retrovia. Aparte questa pur comprendibile svista, la squadra di Gardiner ha cercato di tutti i modi di passare la barriera difensiva bianconera, prima premendo verso il centro con Latif e Cumming, quindi allargando il gioco sulle ali con Fawkner e Biskic costantemente sulle linee laterali. Alla fine, preso dalla disperazione, Gardiner ha cercato di far ricorso all'esperienza di Broggi che ha mandato campane al posto del giovane Gojovic e quindi della mastodontica mole da "rockman" di Dejanovic che ha preso il posto dello spento e "ridotto" Latif.

Sin dall'inizio e' apparso evidente che il Croatia avrebbe applicato una tremenda, ma sterile, pressione e che la Juventus avrebbe portato a termine le sporadiche azioni pericolose. Il primo tempo finiva a reti inviolate, ma la Juventus aveva resa pericolosa in almeno due occasioni con Incantalo e Croatia non riusciva a fare altro che collezionare calci d'angolo. Sicura della sua forza difensiva e conscia della guardia bassa del Croatia, la Juventus scendeva in campo nella ripresa decisa a fare suo l'intero bottino di punti. Bisognava as-

UNA GRANDE JUVENTUS SALVA IL CAMPIONATO DEL VICTORIA



Bruno Cozzella — two-goal hero of Fawkner Azzurri.

petare solo due minuti per il magnifico goal di Incantalo che, con un colpo di testa, porto' a segno il gol decisivo. Poi, incalzando, si filava Blazby imparabilmente. Ma il merito delle reti deve andare anche a French, che, ricevuta la palla da Rogers, metteva in scena una lunga discesa centrale per poi allungare in corsa sulla sinistra all'accorrente Incantalo. La seconda rete bianconera era anche di ottima fattura: nuovamente Rogers metteva in moto French che smistava a Fabio, questi alzava per Zinni che di testa, con un colpo di testa, incalzava. Sulla grande tribuna affollata da ordi di croati calava il silenzio di piombo e quindi, quasi incredulo, si innalzava il coro di "Juve! Juve!" a salutare quella che ormai appariva la piu' entusiasmante vittoria bianconera dell'anno. E il Croatia che continuava a venire all'arrembaggio e collezionare calci d'angolo (per la cronaca un totale di 16!) segnava la rete della bandiera appunto da un calcio d'angolo di Incantalo che, in testa da Biskic e deviato in rete da testa di Antolovic. La rete dava al Croatia una certa speranza e i rossi si buttavano alla ricerca del pareggio come forsennati, ma la difesa bianconera reggeva, anche con estrema difficulta', e portava a casa due meritatissimi e importanti punti che rimetteneva la Juventus in testa nella classifica a pari punti con Croatia, Green Gully e Polonia.

Questa grande vittoria guadagnata contro l'inequivocabile avversario dovrebbe avere l'altro salutare effetto di far affiorare la paura degli italiani all'Olympic Park domenica prossima per l'altra grande sfida con il Green Gully... e ben farebbero a portare con loro i \$80 d'iscrizione come soci per cominciare a dare al comitato qualche dimostrazione piu' tangibile di sostegno.

LA FORTUNA AIUTA GLI AUDACI DEL FAWKNER

Sabato scorso il Fawkner ha incamerato altri due punti preziosi contro il finalino di coda del South Melbourne Hellas, senza fare eccessivamente troppo per meritarseli. Ma era ora che la fortuna sorridesse un poco agli Azzurri di Crikow, che se sotto forma di una svista arbitrale che negava all'Hellas un sacrosanto rigore sul finire della partita.

A dire il vero, i ragazzi di Armstrong, pur non facendo riferimenti, hanno sempre fatto fare brutta figura a tutti gli avversari grazie alla loro esuberanza.

Perdere contro queste due squadre non e' poi tanto nuovo, ma la delusione dei tifosi e' più che comprensibile considerando l'ottimo quarto posto dell'anno scorso e le grandi speranze suscite all'inizio di quest'anno con l'arrivo di Boggi e di alcuni dei migliori giocatori del camp-

ionato. Come non e' bene avere eccessive speranze, non e' vero? E' meglio farsi prendere da eccessivo scorgoglimento. Il tempo e i giocatori per riprendersi ci sono quello che ci dovrebbe essersi anche e' quel senso di assoluta fiducia e autorita' da confermare all'allenatore in situazioni del genere in modo che egli possa fare i ritocchi che ritera' opportuni senza doversi guardare le spalle da sgambetti che giocatori insoddisfatti sanno spesso organizzare cosi' bene.

LEGA NAZIONALE

Il Brisbane City ha davuto abbandonare il primato in classifica, a causa del malolto sistema di nuova applicazione che assegna tre punti alla squadra vincitrice e uno alla squadra che pareggia. Il Preston ha appunto tolto colto tre punti contro la Juventus di Adelaide, molto sudati a dire il vero e grazie al loro italiano Claudio Lucchesi che ha costruito due reti per i suoi compagni della prima linea macedone, mentre il Brisbane City ha colto un importante pareggio contro il piu' volte campione Sydney City in una partita giocata in notturna a Lismore.

Ma gli Azzurri di Brisbane hanno ancora una partita da recuperare contro i cugini dell'Apia, quindi teoricamente sempre la possibilita' di avere diritto al primato.

Il Marconi ha colto una brillante vittoria controllo il forte Heidelberg. I giovani granata, ben diretti dagli esperti Henderson, Jankovic e Degney, dopo la passeggiata della settimana scorsa, hanno fatto finta di coda del Footscray, hanno dato prova di poter affrontare anche i piu' agguerriti avversari con una certa disinvoltura e autorita'. Carbone, McCulloch e Sermanni hanno dominato il centrocampo e Henderson ha spazzato tutte le velleitarie offensive degli avversari, ben spalleggato di Rizzotti e Degney. In avanti Jankovic ha scuipato alcune favorevoli occasioni che avrebbero reso il risultato finale molto piu' visioso.

MISTERO DI FEDE

Sabato scorso, dopo la partita vinta dal Fawkner sul South Melbourne Hellas, l'allenatore di questi ultimo Jimmy Armstrong ha detto scosceso: "Come e' possibile battere una squadra che si porta i propri segnaline?"

"Portarsi" non e' il termine esatto, perch' i segnaline sono stati regolarmente selezionati ed inviati dalla federazione, Petrolito, e dal cugino del presidente del club, Sestini. Ad onore vostro, i due ufficiali di campo si sono comportati con grande imparzialita', ma e' appunto nello spirito della stessa imparzialita' che segnaliamo il grave fatto di cui naturalmente nemmeno il Fawkner ha alcuna responsabilita' e dal quale non ha tratto alcun beneficio, anzi alquanto imbarazzo soltanto. Considerando anche che il padre di Ian Tuffield, Colin, e' presidente dell'associazione arbitrale, e' facile immaginare parte un possibile sacrificante reclamo dell'Hellas per una questione puramente di principio.

A scanso di equivoci vogliamo precisare che l'agenzia di segnalazione degli ufficiali di gara viene fatta dalla federazione e' non dall'associazione arbitrale di Colin Tuffield, che quindi e' da essere considerato competentemente estraneo alla strana faccenda.

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